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PACKERS FIGHT TO UPHOLD PRICE

Butchers Understand Western Shipments of Cattle Will be Cut.

MEAT DOWN AND FISH UP

Dealers Discredit the Report and Believe Packers Are "Faking"—Wholesaler and Retailer May be Blamed.

New York, Jan. 28.—There was a wide-spread understanding among retail butchers here today that the western packers have decided to cut in half their shipments of cattle to this city in an effort to uphold the price of beef.

The packers denied it. "So far as I know," said a representative of Swift & Co., "no orders to discontinue have been received. As for a reduction in shipments, that might be."

On the other hand the small dealers were equally positive that the packers are only "talking big" and that if the boycott continues concessions in wholesale prices must come.

The family trade in meats throughout the city continues to dwindle and prices continue to fall in consequence, but as beef goes down fish goes up.

Resentment against the increase in the cost of living has thus far mainly centered on the packers, but an independent investigator came out with figures today which tend to show that in better classes of trade at least, the retailers absorb the larger share of the profits, leaving to the packer only what he can make on the sale of by-products.

Aside from the quarrel between packer, the wholesaler and the retailer it is pointed out by shrewd buyers that neither the government nor a boycott can adjust the situation until the men in control of the cattle are brought to book.

"Where does the public get off?" is the question asked by the skeptics. "Ninety per cent. of the fish on the market is frozen and the eggs are mainly cold storage. This does not provide good ammunition for a boycott."

"The packers will not lose. The situation must be looked at without deception. The packers will kill less beef; they will discharge many employees, and the cattle they do not kill can be held for a revived demand. Prices will drop but little and when the nation gets hungry again the packers will be just where they were before—in control of the situation."

Boycott at Richmond. Richmond, Va., Jan. 28.—By the unanimous vote of the membership of the Central Trades and Labor Council here tonight 40 unions, representing every branch of organized labor in this city agreed to refrain from the use of meat for 30 days, beginning next Tuesday, February 1st.

Before this meeting several of the affiliated unions had agreed to do without meat as a part of the daily diet of their members on very busy days. The action was the first organized movement on the part of labor people here to carry out the boycott which is becoming general throughout the country.

OUTLOOK FOR TRADE BRIT.

Spirit of Conservatism Caused by Revolt Against High Prices.

New York, Jan. 28.—Broadstreet's to-morrow will say: Wholesale and jobbing trade in Spring goods tends to expand, travelers on the road are sending in better orders and the outlook for the future in those lines is optimistic. Retail trade is quieter, pending the further advance of the Winter season, filling in orders from retailers to jobbers are moderate. Manufacturing industry is very busily employed with large orders ahead.

There are some evidences that a spirit of conservatism is being engendered by the breaks in securities and cotton, the talk of government prosecutions of alleged unlawful combinations, and the widespread revolt against high food prices. Evidence of this are found in the hesitation reported in some branches of the iron trade, and in a very general resumption of prices of live stock, meats, eggs, butter and kindred products.

Collections show a tendency to improve, although they are not better than fair.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with January 27th, were 285, against 275 last week and 311 in the like week of 1909.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 27.—George B. Robertson, a negro, was arrested in Louisville today charged with the murder of Mrs. Jennie Cleghorn, a white woman, whose dismembered body, minus the head and heart, was found in a negro resort in Chicago on January 20th.

New York, Jan. 28.—The cotton exchange will be closed Monday, February 21st and Washington's birthday, the 22nd.

Spend your money at the Half-Price Clothing and Shoe Sale, J. W. H. Fuchs.

RATE HEARING WAXING WARM

Proposed Increase in Second-Class Mail Matter Taken Up by Congressional Committee—Smith Angry.

Washington, Jan. 28.—"The American Republic can't stand forever with this sort of thing being rung in the people's ears—these anarchistic statements," angrily declared Representative Smith of California, today addressing Herbert Myrick, representative of the Agricultural Press League, a witness before the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, at its hearing on the subject of increasing the postal rate on second-class mail matter. He was referring to an editorial which Mr. Myrick acknowledged came from one of the publications which he represented.

"I protest that the farmers of this country are not anarchists and I protest that I am not a traitor," hotly retorted Mr. Myrick, who shortly before had been further alluded to as being responsible for traitorous utterances. Asked by Chairman Weeks if he had been canvassing the country with circulars and editorials in an endeavor to defeat the proposed raise of rates on second-class matter, Mr. Myrick gave an affirmative response.

Mr. Weeks then produced several of the circulars and editorials and Mr. Myrick acknowledged authorship of them. They were entitled "A Fresh Attack Upon Liberty," "Still Another Tax," and "New Taxes and Fresh Robbery."

"Are these your conclusions? do you think there is any robbery?" asked Representative Smith, of California.

"I saw that the Postmaster General had reported that it cost nine cents a pound to carry second-class matter, while the government receives but one cent a pound. If the government intended to raise it to nine cents, it would constitute robbery, in my opinion," replied Mr. Myrick.

"Your editorial refers to 'fresh robbery.' Do you mean that there have been other robberies?" asked Mr. Smith.

"Some people," answered the witness, "consider the tariff robbery and if this raise in rates occurred, it would be a fresh robbery."

Mr. Smith replied by saying that the increase in postal rates would be enough to make up the \$17,000,000 postal deficit.

One of the editorials referred to "cleaning" and "graft" going on in Congress in connection with the proposed increase in postal rates.

Mr. Myrick stated that he referred to the relations of the railroads to the government in the carrying of mail, and did not intend to reflect upon the members of the committee.

"Didn't you use the word 'robbery' to mean something wicked?" interjected Mr. Smith.

"No," said Mr. Myrick.

"That is the impression you convey," said Mr. Smith.

"I don't think so," answered the witness.

"Then you think the word 'robbery' is a polite form of criticism, I suppose," continued the California member.

"I merely had reference to the proposed heavy increase in the postal rate," replied Mr. Myrick.

Mr. Smith said he was getting a large number of letters speaking of anarchy and giving the impression of growing hatred against the institutions of the country. He declared such were fostered by the editorials in question and others like them and that they constituted treason.

Mr. Myrick hotly denied that the farmers of the country were anarchists or that he himself was guilty of treason.

Representative Murdock, of Kansas, another member of the committee, called attention to the fact that the government was paying \$50,000 a year for carrying the mails across an old bridge at St. Louis, Mo., when it might be carried for a much smaller sum across a new bridge which was now receiving only a part of the business.

"I think this is what you mean by your charges of graft, isn't it?" said he, addressing Mr. Myrick.

"That's it, exactly," said Mr. Myrick. Chairman Weeks then stated that a sub-committee engaged in drafting the postoffice appropriation bill had discovered this evil and would correct it. It was the only one of the kind they found, he said.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Bryson City Affair May Claim Another Death.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 28.—Barrett Banks, one of the persons blown up in the dynamite explosion in the county jail at Bryson City, Swain county, last evening, is dying. It is reported this morning. Both his eyes are blown out, and his body mangled. Register of Deeds Francis, who escaped with his life, sustained a fracture of the skull, and his hearing permanently injured. He may recover. All files of papers have been destroyed. The damage to the court house is \$3,000.

Buster Brown shoes for Boys and Girls at reduced prices. J. W. H. Fuchs.

GLAVIS MAKING INQUIRY LIVELY

Giving Testimony Regarding the Ballinger-Pinchot Dispute.

TELLS OF COAL LAND CLAIMS

Interest Centered in Interviews With Secretary of the Interior—Accuses Claimants of Conspiracy to Defraud.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The proceedings in the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry took on a livelier aspect this afternoon when Louis R. Glavis, continuing his testimony against Secretary Ballinger told of various interviews he had with the Secretary of the Interior at various times, while he was in and out of the government service.

Mr. Glavis declared that in one of these interviews in October, 1908, Mr. Ballinger told him he was having a hard time trying to collect campaign contributions and that two men involved in the Cunningham claims, who had been liberal contributors in the past had declined to contribute because they were angry at not being granted patents for the Alaskan Coal lands.

Glavis said that Mr. Ballinger asked him to hold up on the Alaska cases until after election. He agreed to do this because he had his hands full with another case.

One of the most interesting developments of the day was the distribution at both the morning and afternoon sessions of a quantity of press matter which purported to interpret and point out the significance of the testimony thus far given at the inquiry. The morning matter came in an envelope of the American Conservation Association, of which Gifford Pinchot recently was chosen President.

The afternoon matter began: "The important developments of the morning session today were" and then went on to recite that the proceedings had placed Secretary Ballinger in an adverse light. It was said that this service would continue throughout the investigation.

The morning session was devoted to an endeavor by the "prosecution," to show the haste in which Mr. Ballinger as Commissioner of the Land Office had urged the Cunningham-Alaska claims to clear-listing for patent. Aside from the documentary evidence read the afternoon session was taken up almost wholly with Glavis' story of his various interviews with Mr. Ballinger, in which the Cunningham land cases always formed the topic of discussion.

As a result of Glavis' visit to Washington in December, 1907, and the story he told the then commissioner of the general land office and other officials regarding the coal land cases in Alaska, he was placed in charge of all such cases.

"What did you say to Commissioner Ballinger?" asked a member of the committee.

"I told him I thought we could call all the Alaska claims, that a lot of prominent people had formed a pool and that the evidence would prove it."

"What did Mr. Ballinger say to you?"

"He said a number of claimants were friends and former business associates of his and that there had been a lot of talk that they would get their patents."

"Now Glavis," he said to me, "when you get back to Seattle I want you to let it be publicly known that you have started this investigation, and that I want it to be thorough. No matter who it hurts, you are to go right after it, whether they are friends of mine or not."

"Did he mention any names of his friends?"

"Yes, he spoke of H. C. Henry and C. J. Smith, both of whom were in the Cunningham group."

Glavis said he went back to work happy and satisfied that there was to be a thorough investigation and that he had worried unnecessarily about a possible scandal.

Glavis declared that it was December 12th, 1907, that he had his interview with Commissioner Ballinger. On January 7th, 1908, less than a month after he had been directed to make the investigation a letter was addressed to him by Mr. Ballinger stating that the Cunningham claims had been cleared-listed from the investigation division.

On January 22nd, 1908, Glavis sent a telegram and letter protesting against the clearing-listing of the claims, and they were withdrawn and sent back to the investigating division.

At a conference in Portland, Ore., in October, 1908, in connection with the Cunningham coal cases in Alaska, Glavis said that Mr. Ballinger spoke of the difficulty he was having in securing campaign contributions.

"He said," declared the witness, "that H. C. Henry and C. J. Smith, now of the Cunningham claimants, had usually been liberal contributors, but they were mad because they hadn't got patents for their lands and would not give anything."

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IRREGULAR WEEK FOR COTTON

Better Demand for Staple in South Atlantic States—Believed Yield Next Year Will Exceed Any. thing in History.

New York, Jan. 28.—It has been a narrower and at the same time an irregular market. The liquidation of Liverpool straddles by purchases here and some buying by large spot interests has caused a somewhat stronger tone on the whole as regards to the near deliveries like March and May. They have also been sustained more or less by covering of shorts and some buying for at least a temporary rally by various commission houses. Besides there has been some purchasing of spot cotton here for shipment to the South.

Futures had fallen to a point far below "spots." Also the receipts at the ports and interior towns have been light. In some of the South Atlantic States a better demand for the actual cotton is reported and there would have been more business but for the firmness of holders.

Liverpool's daily spot sales have been as high as 12,000 bales. Manchester's trade is said to be better. Spinners have again been buying futures to some extent. Bulls maintain that after the recent drastic liquidation the market is in much better shape from a technical viewpoint, and with the yield, as they think, not over 10,250 bales, and a prospective consumption of 12,250,000 bales, in the hands of the cotton as great as ever and must in the end assert themselves. Everybody believes that an enormous acreage will be planted for the next crop and unless the plant gets a serious set back the next yield will exceed any thing in the history of cotton culture. The spots markets at the South have as a rule been reported quiet.

Spinners may buy futures, but they appear to stick to the policy of buying the actual cotton very sparingly. If large spot interests have bought the near months they have sold the distant ones. Legislation by Wall Street, and the South has still been noticeable. The recent decline in stocks, grains and cotton has greatly lessened the prestige of bull speculation.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Secretary Hester's Weekly Statement Shows 4,968,008 Bales.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,968,008 against 4,968,625 last week and 5,669,308 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,683,608 against 3,752,625 last week and 4,583,308 last year and of all other kinds including Egypt, India, and elsewhere, 1,284,400 against 1,215,000 last week and 1,086,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,610,000 against 2,310,000 last year. In Egypt, 225,000 against 204,000 last year. In India 567,000 against 291,000 last year and in the United States 1,495,000 against 1,742,000 last year.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RELEASES.

Announced Yesterday by President Lynch—Go to Several Leagues.

New York, Jan. 28.—President Thomas J. Lynch of the National League, today announced the following contracts and releases: Contract: With New York—C. M. Macbeth. Release: By Brooklyn to Hannibal C. A.—Bruce Evans, James Hamilton, David Kraft, W. J. Prout, Charles Swalm, Clyde Webster; by Brooklyn to Springfield C. L.—Hubert Brady, Harry J. Redmond; by Chicago to Homestead M. L.—Clyde Heath; by Cincinnati to Buffalo, E. L.—W. R. Johnson; by Pittsburgh to Chattanooga, S. L.—Hamilton Patterson; by St. Louis to Shreveport, T. S. L.—James Robert Whaling; by St. Louis to Springfield, I. L. L.—Johnson, catcher; Smith.

OUTLINES.

The Seine is still rising on Paris and the conditions are appalling; the water is rapidly spreading over new areas and an agonizing cry goes up from the people of the city. At the Congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy yesterday Glavis submitted testimony to the committee in regard to interviews on the coal land claims. It is the opinion of butchers that the western packers are preparing to cut shipments of cattle in order to uphold the prices of beef. The past week has been irregular on the cotton market, but the liquidation of Liverpool straddles and the buying of spot interests has caused a stronger tone. President Taft has decided to press the suit against the Union and Southern Pacific Railroad companies with a view of dissolving the merger.

New York markets: Spot cotton closed quiet five cents higher, midling uplands 17½, middling gulf 15½, money on call easy 3, highest 2, lowest 2½, ruling rate and last loan 2½, closing bid 2½, offered at 3; flour steady, wheat steady No. 2 red 1.31 nominal, elevator domestic and nominal 1½, corn steady No. 2, 74 12 elevator domestic 75 de liveral and 72 12 f. o. b. affoot nominal; rosin steady, turpentine quiet.

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TAFT URGES SUIT AGAINST MERGER

Looking to Dissolution of Union and Southern Pacific Railroads.

REFUSE TO DISMISS ACTION

Application of Judge Lovett, Harriman's Successor, is Denied—Will Press the Pending Suit to a Finish.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The President has determined to press to a conclusion the pending suit against the Union and Southern Pacific Railroad Companies looking to a dissolution of the merger and today concluded to deny the application of Judge Lovett, Mr. Harriman's successor, for dismissal of the suit.

Soon after Judge Lovett, with a number of influential railroad people appealed to the President to quash the proceedings before Judge Vandeventer's court in Salt Lake City. Mr. Taft, following the course that had been adopted in the case of the famous New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, when a similar appeal was made, referred the matter to the Attorney General for examination and report.

In the New England case it was found that owing to the action taken by the State of Massachusetts, and the insignificance of the government's interests, it would be best to abandon the prosecution of the railroad, and this was done.

Attorney General Wickersham reached a very different conclusion in this Pacific railroad merger case, and today he handed to President Taft a voluminous report, the conclusions of which justified the President in the announcement that there was a good case against the railroads, following the decision in the Northern Securities litigation. Therefore the proceedings at Salt Lake City will be pressed.

GEN. WM. F. DRAPER DEAD.

Former Ambassador to Italy and Well Known American.

Washington, Jan. 28.—General William F. Draper, former American ambassador to Italy, died at his home here tonight after prolonged illness, aged 68 years.

Brigadier General Draper was born in Lowell, Mass., April 9, 1842, the son of George and Hannah Thwing Draper. He served in the Union army from 1861 to 1864, holding commission from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel commanding, and also colonel and brigadier general by brevet. He was twice wounded.

In 1888 he was a Presidential elector and he served as a Republican member of the 53rd and 54th Congresses, declining a third nomination. In 1897 he was appointed ambassador to Italy, holding that post until 1900.

He served as commander of the Loyal Legion of Massachusetts, was a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, was a member of the Algonquin Club, of Boston, the Cadia Club of Rome and the Cadia Club of his life he lived in Massachusetts, and late years dividing his time between Washington and Hopedale, Mass.

AFTER THE OYSTER MEN.

Government Will See How Oysters Are Transplanted in Fresh Waters.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The United States government is going after those who transplant oysters from salt water to fresh water and frequently near the mouth of sewers where they are allowed to fatten and enlarge beyond their normal proportions, thus making them much more marketable, but less desirable to the consumer.

This was developed today in the testimony of Dr. Wiley, the government chief chemist, before the house sub-committee engaged in investigating the high prices of food stuffs. Dr. Wiley characterized it as a very flagrant form of adulteration. The more sewage the oysters receive he said, the more corpulent and whiter it becomes, giving it a very edible appearance.

REFRAIN FROM CRITICISM.

Is Policy of New League President—Statement to Club Owners.

New York, Jan. 22.—President Thomas J. Lynch of the National League, whose first request after election was to ask the baseball writers not to read the umpires but instead to call his attention to any mistakes, issued today an official statement asking club owners to refrain from criticizing the schedule committee until their annual meeting.

Incidentally President Lynch regrets that President Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago Nationals, has seen fit, if correctly quoted, to criticize the new rules now in process of adoption by the joint rules committee.

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MR. TAFT TO THE PUBLISHERS

Should Not Overload Criticisms of Men in Administrative Capacities—Protest Against Proposed Postage Rates.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Taft told the delegates to the Periodical Publishers' Association of the United States tonight that if they ever overloaded criticisms of men in administrative authority with unparliamentary expressions and intimations as to lack of honorable motives, nobody is going to pay any attention to them. Although he made no direct allusion to "muck raking" it was plainly evident at what he was directing his attack.

President Taft was presented by F. Hopkinson Smith, toastmaster of the occasion. Continuing, the President said:

"As to controversies, let me say that all are questions of evidence, questions of fact that must be weighed broadly to reach an ultimate conclusion. It is the case with every trust, for their inquiries. The evidence must be weighed. It does no good to denounce a person on the witness stand if he testifies against you.

"You controllers of public opinion and controllers of the rules of the country may hammer a man into submission as to what you say, but, at that, he will come nearer to doing right than if he tried to fight. But seriously speaking, I would like to say that when you criticize a poor devil exercising a difficult responsibility, first give him the same benefit enjoyed by every criminal, that of reasonable doubt.

"Secondly, don't use unparliamentary expressions if you can help it, for if you do and if you overload your criticisms with superlatives and intimations as to his lack of honorable motive, in the end you will weaken all your criticism and nobody is going to pay any attention to it.

"In respect to this matter of the postage, it is for judicial investigation and a conclusion should be reached on a calm business basis. I have no doubt that you will find in the committee of Congress that careful judgment that is needed. I don't agree with some of the committee who started out by shouting 'graffer and robber' but nobody should be led astray just because some gentlemen's heat carried them away from the bounds of judgment.

The President was given prolonged cheers as he concluded. Senator Doliver, of Iowa, in addressing the publishers, went directly to the postage question and aroused an uproar of appreciation when he said: "I venture to predict before the postage is raised on the literature which is being read by millions of Americans, there will be rather an elaborate examination into the expense and administration of postal affairs."

Cyrus Curtis, president of the Periodical Publishers and editors of all the leading magazines of the country, were present. Among other speakers were Speaker Cannon.

He declared that the publishers today were getting their magazines delivered by the government cheaper than they could be sent in any other way. He urged them to co-operate with Congress as far as they could in securing legislation which would enable them to place good literature in the hands of the American people as cheaply as possible.

He made a strong plea in favor of organization, declaring that it is necessary for the successful running of a magazine. He said that there would be chaos in government "And I have no patience," he added, "with those men who are most too good to belong to one party and are not good enough to belong to the other."

A letter from Rudyard Kipling was read in which he expressed his regret at being unable to be present.

POLITICS IN NASH.

Candidates For Judge and Solicitor—In the County.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Spring Hope, Jan. 28.—Mr. R. G. Allsbrook, of Tarboro, was in town yesterday en route home from Louisville. Mr. Allsbrook is a candidate for solicitor of this district to succeed Solicitor C. C. Daniels, of Wilson, who has declined to stand for reelection and will wage a rather active campaign. Nash county will also have a candidate for the position in the person of Mr. B. A. P. Cooley, of Nashville.

Mr. Allsbrook's candidacy for solicitor will, it is thought, give Judge C. M. Cooke a clear field for reelection. It had been suggested that Mr. John Bridges, of Edgecombe, will be a candidate for the position, but it is not thought now that Edgecombe would put forward a candidate for both judicial positions. There was some rumor that Solicitor C. C. Daniels would be a candidate for Judge, but it is said that he will not be a candidate this time, but that in the future he might be in a position to contest for the nomination, provided Judge Cooke didn't care to be a candidate after serving another term.

The county candidates are becoming more numerous as the months go by. There are three active candidates for treasurer, three for clerk of court, and some receptive ones for other offices.

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THE RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

Interesting Interview With Hon. John E. Ransdell, President of National Congress—Thinks Amount will be Satisfactory.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—"I believe the river and harbor bill to be the most comprehensive, business-like and satisfactory bill ever passed by the Rivers and Harbors Committee in the words of the President of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, sat at rest rumors that have been flying about to the effect that the bill would fail to make generous provisions for projects now on the books of the Engineer Corps.

Early in the sessions of the committee, particularly since the committee has been in executive session, it became apparent that the members were very generally in favor of making the river and harbor bill an annual one instead of biennial or triennial ones as has been the practice for a number of years past. The members of the committee realized that the old time method of sporadic appropriations for special objects should give way to a more intelligent handling of the question of waterway improvements and the bill which in all probability will be reported to the House early next month will mark the beginning of a new order of things relative to waterways.

The bill will carry a provision for maintenance of rivers and harbors, for only one year instead of two to three years as formerly, and it will make a radical departure in fixing a time for the completion of projects which have the endorsement of the engineer corps. By this method of treatment the yearly character of the bill it is hoped will be established for it will appropriate only for the current year and fix a limit for the completion of distinctive projects.

To illustrate, it is estimated by the corps of engineers that it will require about twenty millions to improve the upper Mississippi from St. Louis to St. Paul. They believe that about one and one-half millions can be used annually on this river which would complete the project in twelve years. Hence it is expected that the bill will carry in the neighborhood of this sum in cash to be spent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and that each year thereafter appropriations will be made of a sum sufficient to finish in twelve years. By this method well accepted projects will stand a chance of completion within a reasonable period whereas the bill of 1907 carried for the upper Mississippi would have been completed in about forty years.

It is thought that the improvement of the Mississippi from Cairo to the Gulf will be treated in a similar manner. That a time will be fixed for its completion, say twenty years, and that an appropriation of sufficient amount, probably four millions, as recommended by the engineers, will be made which will make the completion of the project possible within the time limit.

An annual river and harbor bill has been demanded by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress since its organization in 1901. In season and out it has fought for a yearly budget dealing with waterways improvements as the only method of bringing about the completion of projects within a reasonable time and the adoption of the annual feature by the committee in the bill shortly to be reported is a tribute to the campaign of education which the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and kindred associations, has carried on so earnestly.

In voicing his satisfaction over the adoption of this new policy, for which he has stood ever since he entered Congress, Mr. Ransdell said: "I am of course very much elated over the annual features of the bill and its formal declaration that important projects should be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible consistent with good business methods. The committee undoubtedly feels and appreciates the work that has been done in educating the people to the necessity of inland waterway improvement. The committee has always desired to place its bills upon the high plane to which they are now approaching but up to this time it has not had sufficient support from public opinion to sustain it and hence the committee has done the best it could."

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System. Take The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and iron in a tasteless form, and the most effective form. For grown people and children 50c.

JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT.

Undecided Now as to Where It Will be Held—Both Make Claims.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 28.—"Wherever it is necessary to be to get the money I will be. It does not make any difference what statements are given or by whom, or whether the place is Salt Lake or San Francisco or somewhere else. I will be on hand." This was the statement made by James J. Jeffries today regarding his coming fight with Jack Johnson.

Asked where he thought the fight would be held, Jeffries said:

"Governor Spry, of Utah, has declared his would not permit the fight to occur within that State under any circumstances. It ought to be fairly apparent that it will not be held in Salt Lake."

Ely, Nev., Jan. 28.—When asked what assurances he had that the Jeffries and Johnson fight would be permitted in Salt Lake City in spite of the statement of Governor Spry to the contrary, Tex Rickard today said:

"I have the positive assurance of business men, many of whom are in close to the Governor, that a 45-round boxing contest can be held in Salt Lake City; and they have urged me to go on with my arrangements. The Utah law allows boxing contests and the Governor has declared only that he will not permit a prize fight."

"Positively, Salt Lake can handle the fight, and the fight will go there."

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—"I have procured an arena in Alameda county and the Jeffries and Johnson fight will be held there," said Jack Gleason today.

"I have been offered any number of places within reach of San Francisco for my fight arena and the refusal of the place committee to grant a permit will not interfere with my plans."

"I propose to live up to my agreement and Rickard is perfectly well come to join me here. But if he maintains his present attitude I will take over the contract and hold the fight without his assistance."

"I am going to Portland on Sunday to meet Jeffries and after conferring with him I will at once get into touch with Johnson with the object of definitely settling the question."

Alameda county is across the bay from San Francisco.

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URGES TAFT POLICIES

Ellis Says Pay No Heed to Defenders of Cannonism or Aldrichism.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 28.—Wade H. Ellis, assistant to the United States Attorney General, tonight arose at the McKinley banquet of the Tippecanoe Club to explain the viewpoint of an administration man on administration policies and present day events.

Mr. Ellis came here from his government work in the best trust investigation in Chicago. "Pay no heed to the so-called insurgents on the one hand or to the so-called stand patters on the other," he said. "Take no counsel from those who defend Cannonism or Aldrichism to the right of you nor of those who would emphasize the programme of LaFollette or magnify the Pinchot incident to the left of you. Get into the middle of the road and stand shoulder to shoulder for the performance of the party's pledges to the people under the leadership of William H. Taft."

After declaring that the majority leaders in Congress are rallying to the President, Mr. Ellis continued:

"What are the Roosevelt policies? Is Taft for them or against them. What were the promises of that last Republican platform. Is Taft keeping them or breaking them? Let us judge him by his works."

"First and foremost of the Roosevelt policies is a vigorous and impartial enforcement of the law. Has the President faltered or flickered in that duty. The country did not expect a blind, indiscriminate drive at wealth simply because it is wealth."

Mr. Ellis cited the cases of John R. Walsh and Charles W. Morse to prove that "the man higher up" is not being shielded by this administration. He instanced the paper board "trust" indictments that sugar implement and the judgments in the lower courts against the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company as evidence of the activity of the administration in that direction.

Mr. Ellis defended the President's stand toward the tariff bill offered by the Democrats for offering no bill of their own.

"They contented themselves with making a noise about work someone else had constructed," he said.

Roosevelt policy of close government supervision over large corporations engaged in inter-State commerce, Mr. Ellis said, was carried out by Mr. Taft and his recommendations to Congress for a Federal income tax and Federal charters.

Nicaraguans Acquitted

Of Responsibility of Execution of Americans—Battle Fought.

Managua, Nica., Jan. 28.—The court at Mesaya today acquitted General Medina, Prosecuting Attorney, from Scire and other members of the court martial of responsibility for the illegal conviction and execution of the Americans, Groce and Cannon.

The acquittal followed the presentation by General Medina of the original telegrams of instruction signed by President Zelaya. The court, however, does not find or accuse Zelaya.

Bluefields, Jan. 28.—Unofficial cable dispatches received here today from Colon say that a battle was fought at La Tablada, January 25th, and that the government forces under General Vasquez was routed by the troops of General Chamorro.

The following notice to Americans was issued today by Rear Admiral Kimball through Commander Shipley, of the U. S. S. Des Moines:

"The present necessity of absolutely abstaining from any participation in political controversies and from any violation of the laws of neutrality is made which will make the completion of the project possible within the time limit."

An annual river and harbor bill has been demanded by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress since its organization in 1901. In season and out it has fought for a yearly budget dealing with waterways improvements as the only method of bringing about the completion of projects within a reasonable time and the adoption of the annual feature by the committee in the bill shortly to be reported is a tribute to the campaign of education which the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and kindred associations, has carried on so earnestly.

In voicing his satisfaction over the adoption of this new policy, for which he has stood ever since he entered Congress, Mr. Ransdell said:

"I am of course very much elated over the annual features of the bill and its formal declaration that important projects should be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible consistent with good business methods. The committee undoubtedly feels and appreciates the work that has been done in educating the people to the necessity of inland waterway improvement. The committee has always desired to place its bills upon the high plane to which they are now approaching but up to this time it has not had sufficient support from public opinion to sustain it and hence the committee has done the best it could."

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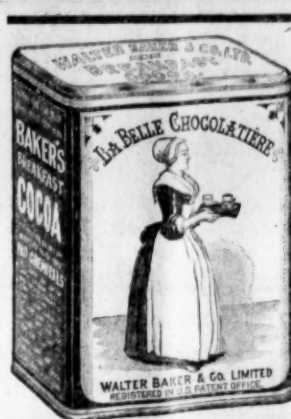
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For 7,500 Victor Machines.

The Victor Typewriter Company has recently received an order from the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, for 7,500 Victor Typewriters to be delivered to them as soon as possible.

The International Correspondence School has also entered into agreement with the Victor Typewriter Company to use the Victor exclusively in all its offices and among its students. For several years the above mentioned company has endeavored to find a typewriter suitable to their needs and after a careful and exhaustive examination of all typewriters on the market, they decided that the Victor machine fills the requirements of typewriter users, is better constructed, and possesses more up-to-date practical features than any other machine on the market. After giving the matter due consideration, they placed the above mentioned order with the Victor Typewriter Company and also entered into the above mentioned agreement.

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3,000 yards Bango Duck, strictly a 10c fabric, we are offering it in stripes and colors for 7c

A big lot of New York Mills Bleaching in lengths from 5 to 20 yards, superior to Lonsdale or Fruit of the Loom, selling on account of length at 10c

Just received an invoice of Beautiful Embroidery, of 25c, 30c and 35c value, which will be sold this week for 15c

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New shades in Satin Striped Mercerized Pongee 25c

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina.

PRETENDED TO MARRIAGE.

Young Greensboro Man Charged With Abduction Under Queer Circumstances (Greensboro News.)

Charged with abducting Bertha Heath, a 12-year-old daughter of G. B. Heath, of Revolution, John Chandler, a 16-year-old white boy, of Proximity, was committed to the Guilford county jail in default of \$500 bond yesterday afternoon, while his intended bride, in company with Deputy Sheriff J. K. Grubbs, rode serenely home, chatting the courteous deputy as she stood on the corner waiting a car as though nothing unusual had happened.

The case is an unusual and pathetic one, the boy being forced to spend last night in close confinement when he had confidently expected to return home with his declared bride and receive not only a royal welcome, but the traditional fatted calf from the bride's father, who, blessings in the case turned to wrath and law.

The self-announced bride and bridegroom were brought to Greensboro in company with the father and officer and after consulting a lawyer Mr. Heath had a warrant charging abduction served on Chandler and the case was heard before Justice D. H. Collins.

From the evidence young Chandler has been paying devoted attention to Miss Heath for several weeks and on Tuesday they decided that it was time to "plight their troth." Knowing that they would be refused marriage license here young Chandler and his intended bride decided upon a more romantic course, and accordingly boarded train No. 39 early yesterday morning, each tightly clutching a ticket entitling them to passage to Danville. Arriving at Danville they "saw the town" until time for train No. 7, when they purchased new tickets and returned to Greensboro, startling the Heath household, which was in a state of great excitement and concern, with the announcement that they had been married at two stations below Danville and had returned for their "blessings."

Mr. Heath did not believe the youngsters had been able to secure marriage license, and if they did it would be unable to get a man who would marry such a couple, but Chandler stuck to his story, despite rigid questions and dire threats of punishment. Realizing that he could not shake the boy from his story, Mr. Heath stationed friends around the house and summoned an officer, hoping that the appearance of the law and brass buttons would have a more desired effect.

The self-announced bridegroom did not appear the least abashed when Sheriff Grubbs arrived and he still clung to his story of marriage. When he confronted Squire Collins, however, he began to waver and after a few stern questions he admitted that the ceremony was all a hoax. It developed, however, that Chandler had been in scrapes of a serious nature before, one being a burglary at Pilot Mountain, he escaping punishment at the time by turning State's evidence, and upon the insistence of the father of the young girl, Chandler was held for the action of the grand jury at the February term of criminal court.

THE POET OF THE COMET.

Asheville Newspaper Man is Inspired to Musical Prose.

The Asheville Gazette-News, printing a photograph showing a section of the sky line with Venus and the comet, duly incorporated the set, singing the verses of the latest celestial visitor as follows:

Last night was a ideal winter night—cool and crisp, but warm in contrast to the recent severe weather. The atmosphere was so clear that one had a sense of seeing for miles; but the faintest fleecy of cloud hung here and there.

As the shades of evening came on the new comet, announced as the discovery of Prof. Inness at Johannesburg, last week, showed revealed itself as a magnificent heavenly spectacle. There were comparative silence with a out: where there were shone with a beauty and brilliancy transcending the diamond and with an added heavenly warmth and cheer. But Venus outshone them all; a great, magnificent gem, the queen of the west and the wonder and admiration of countless worlds.

The darkness increased, well on to ward 7 o'clock, the comet growing the brighter and more wonderful, its body but a soft, yellow-white glow, in contrast to the clearly defined, twinkling star; its tail, nearly perpendicular, had no clearly defined ending, but blended into the azure vastness, and none could say where it ceased.

But what radiance is this that spreads over the top of the sky, and causes the comet body to pale? Whose beams of beauty flash across from the east to the uttermost west? It is the Queen of Night, Dazzling, full-orbed, the floats majestically upward from behind the sunset range, her mountains and her continents, her man, her woman and her dog outlined like etching on polished silver. Her magic suddenly fills the world.

One turns to look at the comet. Venus, sunk to a minor role, still twinkles bravely; but the comet is not to be seen—neither head nor tail nor hide nor hair of it. It has vanished.

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COL. HENRY WORSTED.

Charlotte Heavyweight Fails to Lift 100 Pound Woman.

"She weighs five hundred pounds, sir."

The speaker was none other than Col. W. R. Henry, and who will say that he is not conservative. That is his estimate of the weight of Miss Annie Abbott, spiritualistic medium at the Star this week. Fifteen years ago he tried to lift her and failed. Last night he was called on by the audience to lift her again and he did—

"I will make the attempt on one condition," said the herculean colonel, rising in the audience and towering over his neighbors. "That is that I shall be blindfolded and thus the lady will be able to catch her slightest chance to hypnotize me in a moment." "I will not speak a word."

It was done. The lady retired, the colonel was escorted to the stage by Proprietor J. F. Nowell and he was blindfolded. She then returned, he was led to her and caught her about the waist. Then he pulled. Then he tugged. Then he pulled some more. There was "nothing to it."

Bicycle Rider Killed.

Asheville Gazette-News: Hamilton Slade, a small negro boy about 10 years in the Mission hospital today with a fractured skull and not expected to live, as a result of an accident that occurred late yesterday afternoon at the corner of Market and Eagle streets. It seems that young Slade and a boy named Sweeney Derumple were amusing themselves by running a race on bicycles along Market street. Just as the boys attempted to turn into Eagle street a delivery wagon belonging to W. M. Hill & Co. came along. The Derumple boy made the turn, successfully. Not so with Hamilton. As he attempted to make the turn, going at a very fast rate of speed, his wheel careened and he was thrown violently against the iron tire of the delivery wagon. The wheel did not, however, pass over the boy's head. The contact of the boy's head with the iron caused a crushing in of the skull and a fracture in three directions from the hurt in the head. The Slade boy was picked up and taken to City Hall. His injury was dressed by Dr. Jerre Coke and later he was removed to the Mission hospital, where he now lies in a dangerous condition.

Study Cotton Seed Oil Industry.
Fayetteville Observer: Mr. A. F. Yuill, of Crewekne, Somerset county, England, a fine specimen of an intelligent and athletic young Briton, is spending several days in Fayetteville studying the cotton seed oil industry. He will return to England in a few days, and will go from there to India, where he will put the knowledge he gained here to practical use in erecting and operating oil mills for a large English syndicate. The India cotton seed are now shipped in great part to America, converted into oil, much of which finds its way back to India in various forms. The English syndicate proposes to do away with the great transportation charges by using the product where it is grown.

Concord Lights Up.

Concord Times: Superintendent L. A. Fisher, of the electrical force of the city, has a large number of hands at work on placing four large electric arches in the business section of the city. One of the arches will be in front of the Central Methodist Church, one in front of Browns Cannon Co., one in front of the Lutheran Church and another only in front of the City Hall. Each arch will contain eleven powerful Tungsten globes. When these arches are completed the business section of the city will be as well lighted as any town in the State. These arches will be permanent and they are connected with the same wires as the arch lights and will be burning all the time the latter lights are.

Young Woman Dies of Shock.
Fayetteville Observer: Mrs. Will Boone, died at the Victory Village last night, aged 26 years, survived by a newly born babe. About three weeks ago her little child was burned to death, and since then she has been suffering from the shock; finally terminating in convulsions, in which she died. It is one of the saddest cases that has recently come under our observation, and the sorely stricken husband has our sincerest sympathy. The funeral will be held from the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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Washington	3:35 pm
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Philadelphia	4:35 pm
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Saturday, January 29th.

THE WAY TO GOOD ROADS.

The programme of effort decided
upon by the Good Roads Conference
at Raleigh deserves to meet wide
spread support throughout the State.
The meeting was representative and
thoughtful. Its recommendations as
to the use of convicts, etc., will appeal
to the growing sentiment in favor of
road improvement. But the import-
ant policy announced was that of
State aid to counties that will adopt
self help. In this plan the State
would be merely recognizing its own
interest in good roads generally, while
leaving to the several counties the
duty of furthering their own greater
interest in road making within their
borders. Under the competent super-
vision of a State engineering depart-
ment, the appropriation by the State
of a quarter of a million dollars an-
nually, to be expended only upon an
expenditure by the counties aided
of twice that amount, the next five
years would witness a revolution in
the highways of the State. Consider
what might be done with \$3,750,000,
expended on roads for the benefit
of all the people. The results are
incalculable and the benefits, in real
estate values alone, and without con-
sideration of the question of markets
and the more intangible but none the
less real benefits following upon any
thing that promotes easy communi-
cation, would far more than treble the
outlay.

As The Star had occasion recently
to point out, it is by such a system
that the question of good roads is ul-
timately to be solved. The more speed-
ily it is adopted, the better. Under
State control the work done would be
both thorough and uniform. It would
be in definite relation to a broad and
well-considered system of State pikes
and highways, that would open to
railroad facilities every section of the
Commonwealth. The burden, too,
would be a light one, evenly distrib-
uted to all sections in accordance with
property subject to taxation, while
the particular benefit would go to
those counties willing, also, to tax
themselves. Under such a system,
it would be but a matter of a short
time before every county would have
availed itself of the fund, most
promptly, no doubt, those counties
which have already done much road
work on their own account, and which
are for that reason better enabled to
appreciate its value and its aid to
progress and wealth. The proposed
measure has, too, the advantage of
having been in another direction al-
ready adopted as a principle in the
case of the State aid to the rural
free libraries. Its legality is estab-
lished. It remains only for the people
generally to endorse by legisla-
tion what practically every citizen
now admits as a proper exercise of
State action.

There remains a year for this agi-
tation to gain headway. This Spring,
next Summer, and next Fall will be
largely devoted to politics. There will
be candidates by the hundred, con-
flicting interests by the score, "move-
ments" not a few. The primaries, the
conventions and the election will in a
sense be the mere tuning of strings
to deeper and longer deferred political
ambitions. The irrepressible liquor
question will doubtless again show its
head—we trust only to receive an
other definite crack. But in all of
these political considerations, the
question of good roads will remain
as a practical question seeking a be-
nevolent determination. Peculiarly is
it in nature non-partisan. It ought to
find endorsement from all parties and
all factions. No matter what the po-
litical alignment, let this one thing
be kept out of the way of personal
interest or party advantage.

AT THE PRICE OF THE CONSTITUTION?

We have had occasion recently to
read what is called a "partial report"
upon the subject of the "White
Slave" traffic, compiled by the Immi-
gration Commission. It is understood
that this report is "expurgated". If
that be true, we confess that we are
in some doubt as to what could have
been left out of it. If ever there was
a cold, impartial and unsparing re-
velation of human depravity, it is this
document. Robbed by its character of
official report of any suggestion of
color, its facts are more than ap-
palling: they stupefy.

So much for the condition—a con-
dition that calls for the positive effort
of optimism to bring back things in
general to right proportions after
realizing it. What does the condition
call for? Is the "White Slave" bill
an adequate remedy in the first place?
Is it a safe remedy in the second?

It requires only the determination
to rid oneself from the inevitable
sense of shock produced by the dis-
closures of the traffic to answer both
these queries in the negative. The
bill in question would in the first
place single out of all the crimes with
which the social condition of the
country is infected, the one most diffi-
cult of detection, most readily charged
and most hard to prove, for a species
of extra-governmental supervision. It
would seek to extend the commerce
clause of the Constitution so as to
include within its provisions human
beings, free agents, and make it a
crime to transport them. In a sense,
the bill would seem by Congressional
enactment to re-enact a state of slav-
ery, since anything which it could be
made a crime to transport would nec-
essarily be a chattel. And the
"slavery" is a term without sense ex-
cept as it describes a moral state.
Again, the bill would go further and
require regular reports to the govern-
ment from all houses in which for-
eign women dwell, as to the length of
time such women have been in the
country. A report of this sort would
in itself be a confession of crime,
since no houses of the character con-
templated are legal; while a failure
to report would be equally a crime.
As a result, there would be turned
loose upon every State a horde of gov-
ernment detectives, eager to justify
their employment, ready with suspi-
cion, and more than likely to perpet-
rate in many instances irreparable
wrongs. More serious still, the most
baffling of all social conditions would
be practically taken out of the hands
of the States and cities which have to
deal with it, and placed under the
control of the government, which
could not be expected to meet its per-
plexities even with that degree of sa-
gacity evidenced by the communities
concerned. The proposed legislation,
practically considered, would doubt-
less prove an aid and security, instead
of a deterrent, to immorality gener-
ally.

The really serious effect of such a
bill, however, is its use as a pre-
cedent. As the English Journalist said
when the Peers rejected the Budget,
"There goes the Constitution in the
melting pot!" If the government may
say that one class of people consti-
tutes "interstate" commerce, it is con-
ceivable that it may afterwards legis-
late against the freedom of movement
of another class. What it may do in
the hope of suppression of immorality,
it may do for other and less laudable
ends. If the government may require
reports from one class of household-
ers, it may put all classes under indi-
vidual responsibility to the Federal gov-
ernment. If it can enforce such a
law, there is no limit to the laws it
may, at will, enforce. If by virtue of
the fact that one class of criminals
proceeds from State to State, it can
oust the jurisdiction of the States to
try that class of crime, there is no
conceivable limit to the jurisdiction
which it may ultimately establish to
try all classes of crime. The law is
all the more pernicious and all the
more dangerous because it is aimed
at a condition that is indefensible and
horrible. Nothing is too bad for the
people engaged in such a traffic; for
that reason there is the more danger
that a law born out of moral rever-
sion at an ugly vice may prove to be
the wedge between the older concep-
tion of a dual government of State
and Nation and the newer conception
so earnestly fostered by political ambi-
tion of a Nation in which the State
shall be not a State but a province.

It seems now that the Mann bill
will become a law, not by virtue of its
merits, but by virtue of the natural
horror at the facts that inspired it.
Eagerness to punish a crime, however,
never justified a violation of law to
do so. When Congress shall have
passed this law, it will remain to be
seen whether passion (though a right-
eous passion) shall also sway the
courts. That, too, has happened, and
always, in the long run, to the hurt
of the people who demanded the re-
dict and the discredit of the court
that stretched the law to obey their
mandate.

It would seem that the place to re-
form the "White Slave" abuse is the
immigration service, where strict su-
pervision aided by intelligent legisla-
tion ought to accomplish what is nec-
essary to morals without a concu-

rent danger to liberty. But if that be
not possible, it still remains true that
the maintenance of the Constitution
(what is left of it) is of more im-
portance to the people than even the
suppression of a detestable traffic.

THE PARIS FLOOD.

Is any theory water-tight? Can the
scientific mind, establishing cause and
effect to its own satisfaction, produce
a hypothesis that nature will not soon
or late take pleasure in destroying?
If there was one thing that seemed to
have been recently conceded by pub-
lic opinion it was that deforestation
meant drought at one time and flood
at another. On this principle rests
the great and lasting argument in fa-
vor of national conservation, so far
as forests are concerned. It follows,
according to the theory, that in the
conservation of the forest rests also
the maintenance of water powers, and
largely the navigability of rivers.
Even at the very doors of Wilming-
ton, the Cape Fear river is an appar-
ent object lesson—a river that was
once navigable for the greater portion
of the year, and that is now navigable
only at very light draught for, all told,
not more than half the year. In ex-
planation it has been satisfying, if not
profitable, to point to the deforestation
of its watershed. Drought or flood;
rivers navigable or reduced to a trickle.
These are the alternatives, unless
the remaining forests of the coun-
try be preserved for the country's
salvation.

Yet look at Paris! The most queen-
ly city of the world, flooded, wrecked,
all but ruined by the rising and still
rising tide of the Seine! Palaces
crumbling, historic bridges swept
away or blown up in vain hope of
checking the ever increasing tide of
destruction! Hundreds upon hundreds
of thousands of people homeless and
hungry! Disease and death prepar-
ing to smite what the water does not
wash away! France, the smiling land
of thrift and plenty, rich, green, and
happy, in the clutch of a deluge!

Forests? What we are but begin-
ning to talk, France has for more
than a hundred years scientifically
adopted as national policy. Every-
where are her forest reserves. Not
a province that does not maintain its
great breathing place of towering
trees. We have been pointed to
France as an example. It was there
that Pinchot was taught. It is from
France that we obtain our propaganda
of protection of national resources—
out of its wise conservation of its for-
ests that ultimately grew our Ballin-
ger charges! And now the imperial
city of Paris for the most part lying
desolate under ten feet of water, and
where is the example, and what has
become of the hypothesis? The world
is looking on at something worse even
than the practical destruction of its
most beautiful and romantic city; it
is watching the sinister exhibition by
Nature of its inscrutability!

Of course, nothing that is here said
is meant to attack the idea that both
drought and flood do, as matter of fact,
largely depend upon the condition of
preservation of the natural forests of
the land. The truth has been a thou-
sand times illustrated. Perhaps, when
the scientists catch their breath, they
will find an ingenious explanation of
the Paris exception to the rule. It
will not be long before they are cock-
sure again of some other, newer, more
far reaching premise upon which to
predicate what Nature will do and will
not. And then Nature will come
along, with great upheaval, with vi-
olent change, and blight the axiom and
destroy the prophecy!

The floods descend, and no man
knows why.

A METHOD OF PROPHECY.

The most uniformly interesting of
all the captains of finance, empire
builders, etc., is James J. Hill. Mr.
Hill's philosophy, so far as public ut-
terances is concerned, seems to be
that the best advice to give the people
is to do and be something else. Thus,
in a time when hopes are golden, when
prosperity is soaring on glad wings
when the people are laughing with
confidence, note that Mr. Hill is a pes-
simist. In the general happy chirping
is heard his quiet voice of warning,
"Going too fast," says Mr. Hill, while
the world waves a careless hand and
rushes by. "Inflation," says Mr.
Hill when prices go up. "The country
needs a rest," he exclaims when
Washington begins to agitate. Again,
there is uneasiness in the air. Prices
tumble. Men tremble. Panic suc-
ceeds confidence. Prosperity gives
way to want. Scarcely has it dawned
upon the people that James J. Hill
told them so, before his cherry voice
is heard counselling hope, supporting
confidence, breathing optimism. When
the country is absolutely assured of
its destiny, it is the safest of safe
bets that Mr. Hill will warn it that it
is going to the dogs; when hope has
all but departed from a sick nation,
it is the softest of all "lead pipe
clenches" that Dr. Hill will enter the
sick room and announce with a bright
and comforting smile that the pain is
imaginary and the whole trouble a
matter of nerves.

Just now, when the cry goes up
that the prices of necessities are so
high that the cost of living is un-
bearable, hear Mr. Hill make his diagno-

sis: "If a housekeeper, instead of stand-
ing in front of a telephone to order
the family supplies, would go to the
market and learn what foods are
cheap and what are dear, there would
be less of this kind of talk. As I
have said before, the high cost of living
is the cost of high living."

We seem to dimly recollect Mr. Hill
having had something to say about the
price of grain, when all the West
was in a twitter of pleasure thereat,
but what boots it? Having thus cheer-
fully put the burden of the price of
beef on the shoulders of the house-
keeper's neglect to buy it more cheap-
ly, Mr. Hill turns his attention to po-
litical and industrial conditions, de-
nying that there is any industrial and
financial uneasiness over the attitude
of the government toward corpora-
tions. And when asked what was the
cause of the depression in the stock
market, answered tersely: "Hysteria".
From which it will be gathered that
Mr. Hill is still on his job as prophet.
It will sooner or later happen that the
housekeeper will conclude to live at
the high cost of living, because she
will find that, after all, there is noth-
ing to do but live. Mr. Hill will smile
an "I told you so". Wall Street will
presently stop shivering with fear, be-
cause it will have frightened all the
investors out of the market, and be-
come more confident because it cannot
live without lamb. Again will Mr.
Hill be justified. On the whole he is
a good prophet, and he reminds us in
his method of a sort of abstract phi-
losophy embraced in the line to the
effect that "happiness is only the
hope of doing something else—and he
was very lonely". Mr. Hill as a pro-
phet would seem to bank upon the
country doing it—and nine times out
of ten, he is right.

The House of Lords will, it is said,
be "reformed" by the creation of
enough Liberals as Peers to ensure a
majority for the government. This
scheme was once tried in the time of
Lord Brougham's chancellorship, with
the result that the aristocracy of the
Lords was soon put to shame by the
excessive blue-bloodedness of the
commoners who were made Peers to
make them be good. You can make
a Peer out of a Commoner, but you
can't keep him a Commoner after-
wards.

With Senator Elihu Root behind the
Fort Fisher Park movement, it ap-
pears that the chances of the project
becoming a law are good. Senator
Root is not always careful how he
does things, nor even always about
what he does, but the large and prom-
inent point about his character is—
that he does them.

The Governor of Utah declares
there will be no prize fight at Salt
Lake City. Tex Ricard exhibits a con-
tract for the fight there, conditioned
that if the fight is prevented, Jeffries
and Johnson will divide the purse of
\$101,000. This is a fairly stiff bet
that the Governor of Utah is running
a bluff.

Henry Clews doesn't favor a cen-
tral bank. But then his opinion on
matters financial is not so valuable
since he announced himself as in fa-
vor of woman suffrage.

Wall Street apparently fears the
soft and soothing tongue of Taft as
much as on a time it trembled when
Roosevelt let a whoop and reached
for the big stick.

Japan again protests its friendship
for America. The friendship will con-
tinue so long as there is the prospect
of another war with Russia.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"With common sense on the bench,"
says a contemporary, "the country is
safe." Common Sense always was a
good judge.—Greensboro News.

It's up to Cannon to show us how
gracefully he can submit to the gen-
tle advice of his friends who want a
change of speakership.—Florida
Times Union.

A double cinch has now been placed
upon Ty Cobb's fame. A five-cent
cigar has been named after him and a
bantam-weight prize fighter has been
named after him. Under the pro-
fessional name of "Young Ty Cobb,"
Ty won't need to have his diamonds
stolen.—Savannah News.

Tests made in Hartford show that
local anaesthesia produced by electri-
city possesses at least one of the
merits of local anaesthesia secured in
other ways. It is not followed by nau-
sea, as is frequently the case when
ether or chloroform is administered.
Perhaps further trial will show that
the new pain deadening agent has ad-
ditional recommendations to favor.—
New York Tribune.

With the Wilmington Star we are
glad to note the beginning of a move-
ment that we trust will prove of re-
sulting proportions to erect a statue of
Ransom in the Capitol Square in Ra-
leigh. North Carolina has been none
too liberal in its efforts to perpetuate
the memory of Senator Ransom,
whose long, honorable and useful pub-
lic career reflected lustre upon the
State.—Salisbury Post.

If every man and woman in the
United States who knows how to think
—and there are probably several thou-
sand or more of them—would concen-
trate his or her mind for 15 minutes
on the subject of corn growing it
would do more to relieve the situa-
tion than all the meat boycott talk.
Whenever a thinking mind is concen-
trated for 15 minutes on any one
thing, it affects the future of the uni-

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GRAND JURY REPORT

Several Important Recommendations Made by the Body.

COMPLIMENTED BY THE JUDGE

"One of the Best Reports I Ever Heard and Shows That You Gentlemen Are of Highest Type of Citizenship," Comment.

"I congratulate you, gentlemen, upon the manner in which you have performed your duties," said Judge Guion yesterday afternoon to the grand jury when Deputy Clerk W. N. Harris had finished reading that body's report, which contained many important recommendations, as will be seen from a perusal of the document given in full below.

"The report is extremely gratifying," continued Judge Guion, "and shows that you have made a careful examination into the health and sanitary conditions of your county in a way not often done by such a body. The close attention you have paid to the details of the needs of the county shows that you are of the highest type of citizenship. I have never heard a better report from any grand jury." He thought that it ought not to have been necessary for the grand jury to make recommendations relative to sanitary conditions, but as there are matters which need attention they should be looked into at once by the proper authorities. Judge Guion said that it would be criminal on the part of the Board of County Commissioners to disregard the recommendations made by the grand jury relative to sanitary conditions and he felt sure that service of a copy of the report upon the board would be sufficient to arouse them to action. Not to heed the recommendations would be a dereliction of duty.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., suggested that it would be well to serve a copy of the report on the Board of Education inasmuch as several recommendations were made with regard to the city schools, and Judge Guion so ordered. Mr. McClammy said that he had been present at many terms of court when the grand jury reported, but never had he listened to a better report from a body of that character. Judge Guion remarked that this was his first term of court in New Hanover and was not, therefore, qualified to speak of the report as such, but he had heard many reports in different counties and none was better than that he had just listened to. The jurors were then discharged by Judge Guion.

The following is the report submitted:

"To His Honor, Judge Owen H. Guion, Presiding, January Term Superior Court:

"We, the grand jury, appointed at this January term of court of New Hanover county, beg to submit our report as follows:

"There have been acted upon 14 bills of indictments. We examined and reported to the court 13 true bills, and returned one untrue bill, and made one presentment. An additional bill was returned, by direction of the court, the illness of prosecuting witness necessitating its continuing to the next term of court.

"An inspection of the jail reveals the fact that same is in good condition, prisoners therein stating they are properly cared for and served with wholesome food. Defects of a minor nature, including faulty toilet and broken faucet and iron gate post leading to yard, noted by jailor for prompt attention.

"In the court house there are several electric light bulbs missing in corridors and basement. Broken office furniture and other miscellaneous articles stacked in various parts of the cellar hall should be removed and stored in one of the unoccupied plunder rooms or otherwise disposed of. Records piled promiscuously in the northeast corner room of basement, if available for future service or reference, should be filed in order; if obsolete, destroyed. Stairways leading to court room and cellar in need of attention to obviate unnecessary noise when stepped upon. A few nails judiciously placed will remedy the trouble. There is a very noticeable accumulation of dust generally throughout the building, especially upon the benches in the court room, which we understand is used daily for the Recorder's sittings. In the limited time available for observation it would appear insufficient help is furnished for properly cleaning and caring for the building. As a suggestion, would recommend a female prisoner be assigned during the day to assist the janitor in window washing, scouring, etc., and nightly returned to the jail for safe keeping.

"Between the court house yard and city property a wall separating the two has collapsed allowing a lot of debris piled adjacent to jail, creating an unsightly appearance.

"Upon accomplishing the usual inspection trip to the County Home, we found the main building in need of slight repairs to flooring and gutters. Eight bed-steads, with necessary bedding, should be provided for the colored female prisoners ward to remedy present unhealthy and unsatisfactory conditions. A white inmate (not a native of this county) we observed sick, and were informed it was perhaps every two or three days he received visits from the physician. We recommend his removal to the hospital, and when well, deportation to his home town in this State, to relieve our county of the expense of his maintenance. There is complaint among the inmates of the home relative to an insufficient amount of food being furnished for their sustenance. This matter we brought to the keeper's attention, but deem it also proper to mention herein.

"The convict camp maintained at the rock quarry is most excellently kept from every standpoint, and those

in charge have our unanimous commendation.

"Attention is called to the dangerous conditions surrounding the approach to Smith's Creek bridge. Railings should be erected on the abutment connecting with the bridge proper, and fencing erected, on both sides, between the road and old rice field, to provide against teams leaving the road and hogging.

"Visited the Schools.

"Visiting the schools we were cordially welcomed and shown through the buildings and about the premises by the principals, teachers and others in charge, and were particularly struck with the excellent conditions and marked discipline obtaining.

"At Hemenway we urge the installation of electricity in several of the first floor rooms to relieve present suffering for want of light at certain times.

"Union we observed a defective new well post in front stairway and unsatisfactory toilet accommodations; and the latter conditions apply also at the High School.

"There should also be furnished at Union a larger bell or gong than that in use for alarm and other purposes. An exhibition of a fire drill was given there, and the pupils were marched from the building, after the sounding of an alarm, in the remarkably short time of a minute and a half.

"The installation of additional class rooms in the old assembly hall at the High School emphasizes the necessity for providing promptly as practicable, emergency exits in addition to the present means of quitting the upper floor.

"We respectfully recommend for Union and the High School toilet facilities similar to the system in use at Hemenway.

"The colored school in the northern section of the city has a springy floor in one room, plastering off in another, and broken blackboard in a third, with panes missing from several windows. There is also a gate off its hinges in the eastern yard. This building is exceptionally well cleaned.

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"For both of the colored schools we recommend, from a sanitary standpoint, sewerage connections for the toilets.

"There were certain other school conditions noted upon which we have made recommendation direct to the Board of Education.

"The city is notably lacking in toilet and other conveniences for visitors and the public generally.

"Respectfully submitted,

"S. J. ELLIS, Foreman.
"A. J. MITCHELL, Secretary."

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET.

Gathering Today Will be Featured by Address by Prof. J. A. Bivins.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover County White Teachers' Association will be held in the auditorium of Cape Fear Academy this morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, and the indications are that practically every rural public school teacher in the county and not a few of the common school teachers will be in attendance. The meeting will be in charge of Prof. J. A. Bivins, at the head of the teachers' training department of the State Board of Education, who is expected to arrive in the city on the 9:30 o'clock train this morning from Durham, where he was scheduled to deliver an address before the city school superintendents yesterday. Prof. Bivins will be met at the union station by Prof. Washington Catlett and after calling upon Mr. W. H. Sprunt, member of the County Board of Education, and Mr. James H. Chadbourne, city school committee member, who expressed a desire to have a visit from the well known educator, they will go to the Cape Fear Academy, where the meeting will be held.

OLD COLORED CITIZEN.

James K. Cutler, Aged Colored Citizen, Passed Away—Funeral.

Many Wilmington people, especially the older residents, will hear with sorrow of the death of James K. Cutler, one of the city's oldest and most highly respected colored men, which occurred Thursday at his home, No. 718 Ann street, after having been in feeble health for some time. He had passed the more than three-score-and-ten mark in his life and enjoyed the confidence, respect and esteem of all. He was a prominent member of the colored lodge fraternity and an officer and devoted member of Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church. He is survived by five grown children, among whom are William H. Cutler, an employe of the postoffice; George Cutler, a well known barber; James Cutler, and John Cutler, and one daughter. Awaiting the arrival of relatives from the North the funeral has been postponed to Sunday at Chestnut Street Church.

SURVEY COMPLETED.

Proposed Extension Raleigh & Southport From Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 28.—The Observer this afternoon announced the survey for the proposed extension of the Raleigh & Southport railroad from Fayetteville to Clarkton via Alderman, (and not Hope Mills) Tar Heel, Dublin and Elizabethtown, has just been completed. President J. A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport, has recently been over the survey and interviewed the business men at Clarkton with the result that all are enthusiastic over the prospect of the early completion of the line. It is said to be no remote possibility that here this road will be extended to Southport.

Mr. Wm. Calder Director.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dixie Fire Insurance Company was held in the general offices of the Dixie Building, in Greensboro, Thursday. Among the long list of directors of the institution is Mr. William Calder, merchant and banker of Wilmington. A statement of the condition of the affairs of the company showed a considerable increase in the surplus. The secretary reported that the assets of the company are \$1,340,000, while the policyholders' surplus is more than \$700,000. Mr. Ashley Horne, candidate for Governor in the last campaign, is president of the company, and Mr. F. M. Garner, for several years assistant secretary, is the newly elected secretary.

THE NEW COMMERCIAL CLUB ONE MORE CRIMINAL CASE

The First Meeting of Organization Within Chamber of Commerce Will be Held Thursday Night—Supper.

The first meeting and supper of the Commercial Club, an auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce, authority for the organization of which was unanimously given at a recent special meeting of that body at the suggestion of Mr. C. N. Evans, cashier of the Southern National Bank, will be held Thursday evening, February 3rd, at 7 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber, on North Front street.

The plan to organize a Commercial Club within the Chamber of Commerce has been most favorably received by the members and it is expected that the first meeting will be attended by a large percentage of the Chamber's membership. At this meeting the club will be formally launched by the election of officers and the transaction of any other matters that may come up within the province of the auxiliary.

The committee named at the last meeting of the Chamber to arrange details for the formation of the club, composed of Messrs. J. A. McGeachy, C. N. Evans and R. L. Boyd, have sent circular letters to the members of the Chamber, reading as follows:

"The undersigned, having been appointed at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, to arrange details for the organization of a Commercial Club within the Chamber desire to announce that the first meeting will be held at the rooms of the Chamber Thursday, February 3rd, 7 o'clock P. M. for organization and election of officers, at which time supper will be served.

"Each member of the Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Commercial Club and will bear his pro rata expense of the supper, provided he indicates his willingness to attend.

"The fund of the Commercial Club will be simply the giving of a business men's supper at the Chamber of Commerce at regular intervals throughout the year, at the call of the officers, who will make this call as occasion may arise. These suppers will be given at the Chamber of Commerce, and members of the club are expected to come in their business clothes, right from their desks, and any having other engagements for the evening may feel free to leave at any time.

"The movement is simply to bring the business men together at an hour in which there is relaxation of the daily routine, for the purpose of mutual exchange of ideas on matters affecting the good of the city, and the commerce of the port. Members have the privilege of bringing out-of-town guests each member paying for any guest he may bring. No member of the city, not a member of the Chamber can be invited, as the organization is designed to be an auxiliary of the Chamber. Of course, firms and corporations enjoying membership have opportunity of bringing as many officers or members of such firm or corporation as they desire. It has been decided to expend not exceeding \$1 per plate for this first supper.

"We hope you will call up Mr. McGeachy, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, telephone No. 19, and indicate that you will be with us at this meeting."

STEAMER SOUTHPORT SOLD.

Charleston Parties Acquire Handsome Cape Fear Craft Here.

It was officially announced yesterday that Capt. John V. Harper, owner of the Wilmington, Southport and Carolina Beach steamboat lines, had concluded negotiations with parties at Charleston, S. C., for the sale of the handsome freight and passenger steamer Southport, which has been in commission on the Cape Fear several years and that she would leave for her new home port either today or tomorrow. The amount involved in the transaction was not given, but the purchaser, has been representing the purchasers, has been in the city several days, a guest at the home of Capt. Harper on South Front street, and will probably accompany the steamer to Charleston. She will be used as a freight and passenger boat between Wando, S. C., and Charleston and is admirably adapted to the traffic for which she will be used. The Southport is a steam screw boat, 24 gross and 24 net tons register, 71.2 feet over all, 12.5 feet beam and five feet depth of hold. She was built in 1898, and has been in the hands of her present owner, Capt. Harper, for several years and is in all respects as good as the day she left the shipyard. There are many who will regret exceedingly to see the handsome little steamer go to another port.

POSITION MISUNDERSTOOD.

Waterways Association Committed to Both Cape Fear Projects.

Officers of the North Carolina Waterways Association, who were approached yesterday and asked with reference to the good natured taunts from some editorial sanctums in the State that Wilmington was not rallying to the support of Maj. Hale and the upper Cape Fear river improvement project with the same enthusiasm in which they are turning their attention toward the lower Cape Fear, replied that the idea was absurd and should be regarded either as a mere matter of pleasantry or prompted by a lack of knowledge of the real situation.

Those the least acquainted with the objects and purposes of the North Carolina Waterways Association know that it has been committed from the outset to the upper Cape Fear project and that Wilmington's business men are none the less enthusiastic in the success of the opening of the river to navigation the year round, self interest. If nothing more, in the benefits bound to accrue to Wilmington, from this improvement, prompting this attitude toward the canalization. Officers of the Waterways Association hooted at the idea that the organization is less favorable to the one than the other of these important North Carolina developments.

\$8.00 and \$10.00 Suits for \$5.00 to day at Rehrder's.

Civil Side of Superior Court Docket Will be Taken Up Monday—Negro Given Seven Years on Roads—Other Matters.

The present term of Superior court is nearing an end so far as criminal matters are concerned. With only one more case on that side of the docket ready for trial and a day left in which to hear it, court will be ready Monday morning to take up the civil calendar and devote the remainder of the term to those matters.

Court adjourned last evening in the midst of argument of counsel in a case against Richard Rollins, colored, charged with criminal intimacy with Jane Smith, who is alleged to be under 14 years old, the taking of evidence in which consumed the greater portion of the afternoon session. When court reconvenes this morning argument of counsel will be resumed, and it is expected, will be concluded before 11 o'clock, when the only other case on the docket for trial at this term will be heard, the defendant in this case being Jim McKay, colored, unable to testify for his daughter's alleged assault upon a negroess.

Rollins is being tried on an indictment made by the grand jury. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Harriss some weeks ago on the same charge, but the evidence was insufficient to hold him to higher court. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., is assisting Acting Solicitor E. M. Koonce in the prosecution, while Herbert McClammy and L. Clayton Grant, Esqs., appear for the defendant, and the case is being stubbornly fought on both sides. The age of the girl in question begins "the bone of greatest contention, the prosecution maintaining that she is under 14 years and the defense claiming that she is older by one or two years.

The father of the girl, apparently more than three score years, was unable to testify for his daughter's age without reference to "the book" in which his second wife, before her death, "had set down" the time of the birth of the child. The old darkey caused many ripples of laughter to pass over the court room by his repeated references to "the book," and Judge Guion being unable to suppress a smile at some of the answers given in response to questions fired by Mr. McClammy. The witness said that he was twice married and was accused of having an army of children but for a life of him he could not tell all of the names without "looking at the book." He learned through Mr. McClammy that one of his sons died on the day of the riot, November 10th, 1898, but "knowing that he would have to leave here some day" the witness would not attempt to give without a statement in which he reported certain persons on the pay roll who in reality were not in the employ of the county. The offense is alleged to have been committed on March 1st, 1909, shortly after which time the young man left the county, though he has returned here several times since. He is said to be in Roanoke, Va., now and a capias has been issued for him. A presentment against Hocutt was made by the grand jury at the last term of court. Among those named as witnesses are Chairman Duncan McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners; Register of Deeds John Haar and Mr. W. H. Shearin, the present road superintendent.

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The wife of Johnson became hysterical just outside the court room yesterday morning and created some little excitement. Her frantic cries reverberated through the court house. Judge Guion told a deputy to go out and stop her or "snatch her in jail." Two colored men got hold of her and led her down the stairway to the corridor below and to the street. She walked up and down in front of the court house for some minutes, still shouting and otherwise acting as if she had suddenly gone mad. When she started down the street in that condition she was taken in custody by a policeman and carried to the City Hall, where she soon regained her composure. She was then sent to her home.

The case against Herbert Steljes, charged with selling whiskey, being an appeal from the Recorder's court, was continued until the next term on account of the absence of the State's witnesses, Messrs. Everett and Joyner, the Norfolk, Va., detectives who worked up the case.

DIED OF BLOOD POISONING.

Mr. J. M. Wiggins, Well Known Mill Man of Jacksonville, N. C.

Friends in this city have learned with sorrow of the death of Mr. James McFarland Wiggins, a well known citizen and mill operator of Jacksonville, N. C., which occurred at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at his old home in Suffolk, Va. As the result of a trivial injury received at the mill plant at Jacksonville last week, blood poisoning set in and he was sent to his home where his death ensued in spite of all that could be done for him.

While on a tugboat, Mr. Wiggins suffered an abrasion of the skin which was considered trivial but three days later he had a chill, followed by fever and inflammation. He continued to grow worse and his doctor advised his being sent to Suffolk, arriving there on Tuesday. Wednesday it was realized by Mr. Wiggins as well as by his friends that the case was hopeless and after arranging some business matters he passed off into unconsciousness from which he never rallied. He was a congenial, kind-hearted man and made many friends who will be desirous to learn of his untimely death. Deceased was 51 years old and is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, three brothers and three sisters, all of whom live near Suffolk. He carried \$12,000 life insurance and leaves quite a large estate. Funeral was held at Suffolk yesterday.

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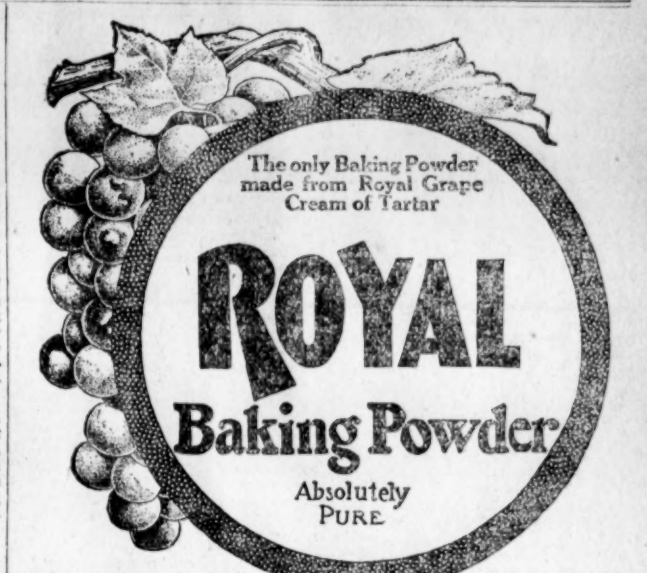
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BLADEN COUNTY'S RAILROAD

Enthusiastic Meeting of Clarkton Citizens Accepts Proposition of Mr. John A. Mills of Raleigh and Southport.

Rev. W. M. Shaw, editor of the Bladen Journal, who has been spending the past two weeks in the county which he is serving so well with a newspaper, brings news of an enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Clarkton held last night in Pythian Hall here, for the purpose of considering the proposition of President J. A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport Railroad, to extend his line of railway from Fayetteville through Bladen to that point.

The meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic. Senator O. L. Clark presided and Rev. Mr. Shaw was secretary. The benefits to be derived from this connection in addition to the advantages already realized, and the meeting at once accepted the proposition of President Mills and the following telegram was sent last night:

"Right of way secured; funds for deposit subscribed by citizens of Clarkton. Signed: O. L. Clark, N. A. Currie." Elsewhere in today's paper is a dispatch from Fayetteville announcing the completion of the survey and it seems now that Mr. Mills will not be lacking in encouragement for extending the line to Clarkton. The proposition of Mr. Mills to the citizens of Clarkton was to extend the road to that town provided he was assured a right of way through the town and a deposit to cost not exceeding \$1,000. This right of way was asked not only for a mile north of Clarkton but to the southward also through the town, which is construed to mean that it is further built to Whiteville, N. C., and then later to either Southport or Georgetown, S. C., most probably the latter. The conditions were fully met by the Clarkton citizens and Mr. Shaw says that it is now only a question of the route to be taken through Bladen. It is stated that the road may or may not go by Elizabethtown, dependent upon the support given the project there. The citizens of Clarkton will not only give the right of way asked for by Mr. Mills, but it was the sense of the meeting last night that the town build a railroad warehouse or depot to cost even more than the \$1,000 asked for.

With the Virginia & Carolina Southern and the interests represented by Mr. Geo. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, also looking that way, it would seem a certainty that the long-looked for railroad development in Bladen will come at once and in abundant measure.

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MURDER TRIAL AT GOLDSBORO.

Old Negro Charged With Burning Wife to Death—Another Case.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 28.—Yesterday at today in the Superior Court now in session in this city, has been confined to the capital case of William Moses, a negro of this county, charged with the murder of his wife. Yesterday was consumed in selecting a jury and taking the evidence of witnesses in the case. The State charges Moses with the murder of his wife, who died as the result of injuries received by being burned, the wife stating before she died that her husband pushed her in the fireplace and that while she was slowly being roasted, stood off at a distance and watched her while she tried to crawl out of the flames and offered her no assistance whatever, although she begged and pleaded with him to aid her in the terrible struggle to save her life, and her last words were that she had been murdered by her husband who was tired of living with her and wanted to see her dead so he would be free to marry another woman who had caused him to kill her. The defense testifies that his wife has always been weak minded and that she was sitting in front of the fire dozing when her dress came in contact with the flames, that he was in the next room asleep and was awakened by her screams, but before he could reach her side she was a mass of leaping flames and as he is a cripple and his wife was running around the yard outside the house he could not assist her before she was beyond his defense in the testimony of his ten-year-old son, who corroborates the statement of his father by testifying that he was in the room with his mother when her clothes caught on fire and that she was asleep at the time and that his father who did everything possible to save her mother but did not have time to render her

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Miss Mary Kenan Calhoun, of Selma, Ala., is the attractive guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown, on Dock street.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. A. H. Slocomb has gone to Wilmington to visit Miss Elliott Emerson."

Yesterday afternoon's Charlotte Chronicle says: "Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, of Wilmington, is spending a few days at Elizabeth College, with her daughter, Miss Lucile Polvogt, who is a student at the institution."

Letitia Lodge, No. 3, Daughters of Rebekah, the women's branch of Odd Fellowship, will hold a social session after the regular meeting this evening. An attractive programme will be carried out and refreshments will be served. All members are urged to be present.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather last night the pantomime Japanese wedding given in the Parish House of St. John's Church by the children of the Emergency Guild was well attended and was pronounced a most successful affair in every respect. The children acquitted themselves with marked credit and merited the warm praise they received from those who composed the audience.

Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 28.—North Carolina has a brilliant bevy of beautiful young ladies at Brenan College, Gainesville, Ga., who have organized a North Carolina Club. On State Day the governors from the different States represented will be invited to participate in the festivities. The members of the club are: Misses O. Liddle, Reidsville; Letta Elliott, Clark; S. Smithers, Hettie Kate Aklin and Flo King, of Murphy; Miss Elizabeth Mills, of Reidsville, will join a party of Brenan students chartered by Miss Gertrude Brown and tour Europe next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. King, of Philadelphia, who have been on a very pleasant visit of some days to Mrs. King's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sprunger, left last evening on account of a telegram yesterday morning stating that Mrs. King's sister, Miss Addie Sprunger, who resided with her in Philadelphia, had suffered an acute attack of appendicitis and had been taken to a hospital there for an operation. Friends of the family in Wilmington will be gratified to know that a telegram was received at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, stating that the operation had been concluded and was very satisfactory in every respect, the patient resting very well indeed.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. L. B. Pearce, of Scott's Hill, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

—W. P. Manom Turner, Esq., spent yesterday at Southport on professional business.

—Solicitor N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. P. J. Flowers, of Zarr, Bladen county, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

—Mr. Fred A. Hill, of Asheville, National Bank Examiner, and Mr. J. K. Doughton, of Raleigh, State Bank Examiner, were in the city yesterday, guests at The Orion.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orion were C. H. Causey, Jr., Suffolk, Va.; H. L. Cook, Fayetteville; Geo. D. Boyd, Charlotte; E. Bardin, South Carolina; E. T. Pullen and daughter, Burgaw; R. W. Livermore, Red Springs; Jackson Greer, Whiteville.

—Among those registered at The Southern yesterday were: W. C. Wilson, Clio, S. C.; S. J. Rowell, Phoenix; R. L. Bridgen, Atkinson, N. C.; W. Williams, Phoenix; W. J. Sandlin, Currie; J. W. Soles, Vineland; Joseph Snell, Hamlet; Elmer Griffin, Rural Hall; J. S. Marrow, Mt. Airy; W. B. Matthews, Sanford; S. I. King, Excelesior.

SABINE TO COME HERE.

Large Clyde Liner to Take Place of Navahoe For a While.

The Clyde Liner Sabine was due to leave New York yesterday for Wilmington, on the first of the regular trips she will make to this port in place of the Clyde Liner Navahoe during the next two months.

The Sabine has been plying between New York, West India and Florida ports for some time and is one of the handsomest in the passenger and freight service of the Clyde Line. The Navahoe will be put in service to the West Indies. The Sabine has made a number of trips to Wilmington while the other regular steamer were being repaired and is a large vessel of 2,478 tons net register.

C. W. LYON TOWED IN.

Shaft Will be Repaired Here—Broken Near Fayetteville.

The steamer C. W. Lyon, disabled last Saturday at Willis Creek, near Fayetteville, when her wheel shaft broke, was towed to Wilmington yesterday by the steamer City of Fayetteville and will be repaired by the Cape Fear Iron Works.

The Lyon after her accident awaited the arrival of the City of Fayetteville at Willis Creek and was towed to Fayetteville, where she discharged her cargo. It was necessary to bring her back to Wilmington in order to have the repairs made. The Lyon was completely disabled by the accident and it will require several days to make a new shaft and replace the wheel.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Ida Fulton, colored, paid the costs in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday morning in a case against her for trespass on the property of Lilly Lamee, colored.

—In Justice Bornemann's court yesterday James Nixon, colored, was tried for slapping Josephine Bonney, his former sweetheart, and taxed with the costs. He pleaded guilty for slapping her, but she was acquitted and Nixon had to pay the costs in both cases.

—Due to the unintentional omission of the word "not" in reference to the trial of Wm. Lee, colored, for the larceny of chickens, in yesterday's paper the item in question made it appear that the negro was found guilty a few days ago on a similar charge. In that case the negro was found not guilty. There is yet another chicken case against the negro and it was stated last night that the action may be not proceed.

—Recorder Purling had only a few unimportant cases for consideration yesterday morning. Three white sailors and a negro man were convicted of the charge of drunkenness and fined \$5 each and the costs. There were several defendants in court charged with failure to pay the special or privilege tax to do business. The failure to procure the certificates seemed to be the result of a misunderstanding and the cases were dismissed.

The Theatre

Today the Crystal Palace will offer moving pictures for the last time, and this announcement will be especially interesting in view of the fact that it will be the last chance offered to witness the wonderful talking moving pictures. The remarkable Gaumont invention has proved very popular in this city and has caused quite a stir, and no doubt, large audiences will greet the farewell of these pictures today at the Palace. All new silent pictures were presented yesterday and made a big hit. All new silent pictures and a new illustrated song will hold forth today, and the same long show of forty minutes duration, will be given for 10 cents.

"A Gentleman From Mississippi." A powerful play, "A Gentleman From Mississippi," will again be the attraction at the Academy next Wednesday night, February 2nd, when William A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer are sending the same perfect company as was seen here early this season with Robert A. Fischer and Hans Robert. In other words, it's a play about the kind of people theatre-goers seem most interested in. Then, too, it's a well constructed and timely drama. It isn't "talky." It doesn't bulge with conversation, but is instead a "weak sister" who sheds tears out of her mouth and eyes, or a basso profundo villain who lives in an apartment and is obsessed with a curious and inexplicable notion that he will never be happy until he "ruins" some body—doesn't matter much who it is.

Then, too, the play starts at the beginning and not in the middle of the second act. The dialogue is bright and sharp. The story starts with a go, the characters are well defined, the story well told. There are people moving about in the four acts of the drama, full of wholesome humor and throbbing with genuine heart interest. "The Gentleman From Mississippi" if we are to believe what we hear, is not drawn out of all proportion. The old Southern Senator who thinks that the country really ought to rule, and who decides to go up against the wily schemes and powerful interests of those who "do rule," is just such a man as Mississippi may have sent to the Senate a number of times. "A Gentleman From Mississippi" is well worth seeing, really ought to rule, and will be of much interest to the patrons of the theatre. "The Three Neighbors" and "Forced Into Marriage" are the titles of the other pictures that will be shown and they are also very attractive.

At the Bijou Today.

The Saturday patrons of the Bijou have another treat in store for them in the excellence of the bill that will be offered today. "The Girl Scout," the "The Canadian Gentleman" and "The Door War," is the feature picture. It is a fine reproduction of some of the stirring scenes of the door war and will be of much interest to the patrons of the theatre. "The Three Neighbors" and "Forced Into Marriage" are the titles of the other pictures that will be shown and they are also very attractive.

RAILROAD THIEVES.

Special Officer Shot at Columbia, S. C. Yesterday Morning.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 28.—Special Officer Samuel H. Boyer, of the Southern Railway, who was shot through the lung by one of three negro car thieves whom he surprised at their work in the Boyer yards near Columbia at midnight Tuesday, died today in a local hospital.

Three suspects, Eugene Davis, Ben Little and David Richardson, are believed to have made their way into North Carolina en route to the North or West.

THRONG OF BUYERS CONTINUE.

Special Half Price Brings Many Patrons to J. Hicks Bunting.

The people of Wilmington and vicinity appreciate the great advantage J. Hicks Bunting obtained for them in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to allow the regular 50 cent size of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, to be sold at half price, 25 cents, and have bought hundreds of bottles.

Every bottle of the specific sold by J. Hicks Bunting has their personal guarantee to refund the money if it was not satisfactory, but none has come back, showing the wonderful power of the remedy. Unlike ordinary medicines for constipation and dyspepsia, the dose of Dr. Howard's specific is reduced after a few days' use, and the cure is soon complete and lasting.

If you have not already taken advantage of this chance to get a month's medical treatment for 25 cents, be sure to call at J. Hicks Bunting's today for they have only a small amount of the specific on hand.

WATERWAYS PARTY COMING

Have Left Washington—Both Upper and Lower Cape Fear Projects Included—Committee on Part Terminals on Inspection.

Advices from Washington yesterday were to the effect that Senator Simmons and party of the National Waterways Commission had already left the Capitol for their inspection of the North Carolina waterways and would reach Wilmington on Monday and the Upper Cape Fear on Tuesday.

The party is composed of Senators Simmons, of North Carolina; Clarke, of Arkansas; Piles, of Washington, and Representatives Alexander, of New York; Wagner, of Pennsylvania; and Stevens, of Minnesota. Senators Burton and Bankhead will join the party at Wilmington. On Monday the day will be given over entirely to an official inspection of the lower Cape Fear but at night the committee of arrangements have provided for a public reception in the parlors of The Orion, from 9 to 10 o'clock, at which all the people of Wilmington will have an opportunity of meeting the distinguished visitors and assuring them of a cordial welcome to the city upon the important mission upon which they come. It is expected that a number of engineers will be with the party, so that while the work of inspection is in progress on the trip down the river there will be no more for entertainment or recreation. The waters of North Carolina will be traversed from Elizabeth City to Newbern and then the party will come for the two important inspections on the Cape Fear. There seems to be an erroneous impression that the North Carolina Waterways Association is concerned with the lower Cape Fear project, while as a matter of fact, it is committed strongly to both the upper and lower Cape Fear projects and proposes to use all its endeavors toward carrying both along together in its efforts before Congress. From Wilmington the party will go to Fayetteville to get an intimate knowledge of the upper Cape Fear situation and will confer with Maj. E. J. Hale and other special his faithful lieutenants in forwarding this most important work.

Capt. Earle I. Brown, United States Engineer in charge of this district, left yesterday afternoon for Oriental, where he will join the National waterways committee, of which Senator Burton is chairman, and will accompany them on the inspection trip of the streams in that part of the State on the revenue cutter Pauline. The party is expected at Beaufort Sunday, and will arrive in Wilmington Monday morning on the train from the North.

The party will leave Wilmington Tuesday morning either by rail or water, depending probably upon the stage of water in the Cape Fear about here, for Fayetteville, where the day will be spent. During the day the party will visit the locks some distance from Fayetteville and at night they will be given a dinner by the business men of that city. It is likely that a few Wilmington citizens will accompany the party on the trip to Fayetteville.

The committee recently appointed from the Chamber of Commerce on terminals and terminal facilities at the port, in view of the expected development of the commerce of Wilmington by reason of the improvement by the government, yesterday made an inspection of all the terminals along the water front from Hill town Bridge to a point some distance below Kidder's Mill and will be able to give time to make some definite representations to the United States Engineers' Department with reference to these utilities. The committee is headed by Maj. E. W. Van C. Lucas, formerly of the U. S. Engineer corps and the trip about the harbor yesterday was made on board the government steamer Mercator, leaving Market street dock at noon. The inspection was very thorough and comprehensive.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClellan, D. D., pastor, which Sunday School at 9:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 8 P. M. H. H. S. Church, 220 Broadway, Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets, Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor, preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night, 8 P. M. Sunday School at 9:30 P. M. Tanai mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. All welcome.

Salvation Army—Hall over the office of the Tailor and Dressmaker, Sunday School at 11 A. M.; Salvation service at 8 P. M. All are welcome. Eastern and Mrs. Williams, officers in charge.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Christian School at 7:30 P. M. and Sunday School at 9:30 P. M. Tanai mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. All welcome.

Rev. A. D. McClellan, D. D., expects to preach at 3:30 o'clock, Church, Front street, C. E. Church, preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer service every Wednesday night, 8 P. M. Sunday School at 9:30 P. M. Tanai mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. All welcome.

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BIG Y. M. C. A. RALLY SUNDAY

Bishop Robert Strange Will Preside Over Meeting in Academy of Music—Two Addresses and Special Music.

General Secretary Edwin Kettle has completed the programme for the Y. M. C. A. grand rally which will be held in the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon and to which the public generally is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 4:30 o'clock with Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, presiding.

After the singing of a hymn, "Glory to God on High," by the audience, prayer will be offered by Rev. Dr. J. L. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Then the Grace Methodist church choir, composed of Mrs. M. L. Chasten, organist, Mrs. Annie Dell Harris, soprano, Mrs. F. A. Muse, contralto, Mr. Chas. Dushan, tenor; Mr. Will B. Muse, basso, will sing a selection of hymns. Mr. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, will read the scripture lesson and this will be followed by the singing of "True Hearted, Whole Hearted" by the audience. Bishop Strange will make a short address, followed by a selection from the Grace church choir, and then the speaker of the day, Mr. Norman C. Schlichter, Y. M. C. A. International secretary for the Southern States, will be introduced. Mr. Schlichter's address will be of an educational nature as he will tell something about the work of the association. The primary object of the meeting is to give the people of the city a better understanding of the great work being done here and elsewhere by the Y. M. C. A. It is quite appropriate that such a meeting be held on the eve of a campaign for funds to meet the expenses for the fiscal year. At the conclusion of the address the doxology will be sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Strange.

Seated on the platform will be officers, directors and trustees of the association and ministers of the city. The clergymen having been given special invitations by the board of directors. The officers are Dr. Joseph Akerman, president; Mr. K. W. Price, vice president; Dr. J. W. Stanly, recording secretary; Mr. J. A. McGeachy, treasurer, who with the following compose the board of directors: Dr. H. Dreher, Messrs. J. T. King, L. H. Rogers, H. W. Malloy, S. M. Boatwright, W. W. Koch, Henry G. Fennell, J. V. Granger, R. A. Brand and W. B. Cooper. The trustees are Dr. Joseph Akerman, president; Messrs. B. F. Hall, Clayton Miles, W. W. Worrell, J. V. Granger and Edwin Kettle, recording secretary. The executive officers are Mr. Edwin Kettle, general secretary; Mr. H. G. Bowden, assistant secretary; Mr. Brennliss H. Tyrrell, physical director.

A FIERCE CYCLONE.

Passes Over South Carolina and Georgia—Several Persons Hurt.

Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 28.—Seven pupils and a teacher were hurt this morning when a fierce cyclone destroyed the new Swamp school house, 12 miles from here. The damage in Orangeburg was less severe. Cordele, Ga., Jan. 28.—A tornado passed over the west portion of Crisp county today causing heavy property damage and injuring a number of persons, mostly negroes.

On the plantation of Colonel O. T. Glover the storm cut a swath a mile wide, demolishing every tree and house in its path. A woman was whirled up on her bed, carried some distance and deposited on the ground again unhurt.

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MANEUVERS NEXT SUMMER

Congress Will Appropriates \$1,350,000 For Army and Guard.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Last year's joint maneuvers of the regular army and the National guard will be repeated during the summer, according to the present plans of the War Department in spite of what has been charged to the Boston maneuvers of last year.

Congress it is expected, will appropriate \$1,350,000 for this purpose. Of that sum \$350,000 will be used for coast defense practice, for the instruction of militiamen. For this year, the general staff had prepared a schedule that will utilize a greater proportion of the regulars than hitherto has been the case. One set of maneuvers will be conducted at the government's grounds at Pine Plains, N. Y., and another will be held probably in Maryland or Virginia. General Frederick D. Grant, will be in command at Pine Plains.

The Southern maneuvers probably will be under the direction of some member of the general staff at Washington. Other camps this year will be at Leon Springs, Texas; Chickamauga, Tenn., and at other places.

DELAY WATERWAYS WORK.

Congress Will Not Consider Inland Route at This Session.

Washington, Jan. 28.—There is no probability of consideration at this session of Congress of the question of a chain of inland waterways along the Atlantic seaboard, because the army engineers will not have had time to complete the extensive survey ordered at the last session of Congress. The survey involves the great stretch of territory reaching practically from Boston to the Rio Grande and the magnitude of the work will render its completion very unlikely before the adjournment of Congress. The work is in charge of three boards and none of them will report until it has completed its entire allotted work.

SNOW IN THE STATE

Mooreville and Taylorsville Get Fall of the Beautiful.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 28.—From reports brought in by passengers on the A. T. & O. train, reaching the city about 12:30 this afternoon, Charlotte is just missing a snowstorm, although the weather is by no means cold. At Mooreville, 28 miles north of Charlotte, it was snowing heavily at noon today, and at Taylorsville likewise. The snow line apparently ended a few miles south of Mooreville, as the precipitation from that point south took the form of rain. The weather today is "heavily" and the chilly downpour was entirely unlooked for.

NEWSPAPER SPACE

Every Line Costs But Few Seem to Appreciate.

Every line of printed matter in a newspaper costs its publisher something. If it is to be of benefit some individual, that individual should pay something for it. One would not go to a grocery store to ask the proprietor to hand out ten pounds of sugar for nothing, even though the grocer may be a personal friend and though the gift may not be a large one.

If the beneficiary of advertising does not pay for it, the proprietor must shoulder the cost. People do not seem to understand that a newspaper pays its expenses by renting space and that it is just as much entitled to collect rent for every day that space is occupied as a landlord is for a house he rents to a tenant.

One reason why a big metropolitan newspaper pays so well is because they have got the cost of production down to a scientific basis. The New York papers figure that each line of reading matter costs from 7 to 10 cents to produce. With this as a basis it is easy to work out the producing cost of any reading notice.

The wear of type, insurance, salaries, rents, interest, etc., are included in the estimated cost of 7 to 10 cents.—Exchange.

AT PINEHURST, N. C.

Eminent Authority on International There For the Season.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 29.—Among the most enthusiastic golfers here is Hon. John Bassett Moore, of New York, the eminent authority on international law and professor of international law and diplomacy at Columbia, rarely missing a daily round. Starting in an absolute novice two years ago, it would have been difficult for him to work out the average golfer with scores not far from the hundred mark.

Mr. Moore is also keenly interested in the native types of the country-side and has tramped many long miles in seeking out unique characters, accumulating as a result, a rare fund of information which always makes him the centre of an interested group in the hotel foyer. With Mrs. Moore and Miss Angela, his youngest daughter, he is spending his second season here.

CHINA USES "L" ENGINES.

Old New York Locomotives at Work on Canton Line.

(Special to Baltimore Sun.) Washington, Jan. 23.—List American locomotives, including four Manhattan engines, formerly used on the New York elevated railway are now in operation on the Hankow Canton Chinese road, aiding in the construction work. Sixteen other American locomotives are in stock ready to be put to work. There are also six double tender tank engines of 50 tons weight which are engaged in running the freight and passenger trains to Railhead.

Council Albert W. Pontius, of Swanton, has submitted to the Department of Commerce and Labor an extract from a Hongkong newspaper which describes the work of the big American mogul engines, and adds: "Of coaches and freight cars there are 30 American type passenger coaches, 1 directors' car, 72 American freight cars and 106 Chinese-made freight cars."

10c Bleaching 7 1/2c today—last day of the Clearing Sale at Rehder's.

Cord Ruching for neck. Best quality for 25c at Gaylord's.

Special Bargains today—last day of the clearing sale at Rehder's.

Grasp This Opportunity

Our entire stock of Clothing will be sold from

10% to 50% Off Regular Price

Everything fresh and new, including some of the best makes: Strouse & Bros. and B. Kuppenheimer's Clothing. Now is your chance.

J. M. SOLKY &amp

THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 29, 1910.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Thursday, Jan. 27th:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 50 degrees;
8 P. M. 59 degrees; maximum 66 degrees;
minimum 46 degrees; mean 56 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .15, for the month, 1.07 inch.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 9 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday, colder in east portion, brisk and high west to northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 29.

Sun Rises.....7:11 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:39 P. M.
Day's Length.....19 hrs. 28 min.
High water at Southport 10:50 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 1:50 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ceylan Palace. Last Time.
J. H. Heider & Co., The House.
Hopkins & Davis. Don't Pay More.
Murderson National Bank Capital and Surplus.
Academy of Music—Gentleman From Mississippi.

Business Locals.

Janus Davis. Lost.
Wanted. Waitress.
Palace Market. We Keep.
Strayed. Female Pay Terrier.
J. W. Capps. Food Table For Sale.
For Rent. Three Unfurnished Rooms.

BOTH CLAIMING VICTORY.

Position of the Liberals and Unionists in England.

London, Jan. 28.—The position of the parties tonight is as follows: Unionists 264; Liberals 263; Labor 10; Nationalists 77.

Now that the electoral struggle is on the point of closing, the curious effect is seen of both conflicting parties claiming victory and both basing their claim with plausible arguments, broadly speaking on the question of free trade against protection. It can not be said that the elections have decided anything and it is difficult to judge whether the country, as a whole, is tending one way or the other.

According to the contentions of the Liberals the industrial communities already have decided to adhere to free trade and all that remains for them to do is to complete the process of conversion of the agricultural population. According to the conservatives, the education of the people is proceeding at a great pace and it is only a question of time until the Chamberlain policy will be completely triumphant.

The Unionists were credited today with four additional gains, giving promise of a close fight between the Liberals and Unionists for numerical superiority in the new Parliament. Premier Asquith this afternoon started unexpectedly for the South of France, where he hopes for a period of quiet during which he may review the situation and develop his plan. His absence is likely to cause a postponement of the cabinet council announced for early in the coming week. Sixteen representative Scottish Peers, who will sit in the new Parliament were elected today at Holy Rood palace, the only change being that Lord Semple, replaces Baron Lorpheine, who had the honor of supporting the small body of Peers that voted for the budget.

KILLED ONE; INJURED TWO.

Guards Shot Fatally at Prisoners Fleeing From Naval Prison.

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 28.—While attempting to escape from the naval prison here today three men were shot by guards, who killed one fugitive and wounded the other two. The dead man is R. F. Spurling, of Indianapolis, Ind. The wounded men are Harry McGarvey and Albert J. Montgomery, homes unknown. Both will recover.

The men were serving short terms for minor offenses. At the end of the noon hour when the prisoners were marching back to their places of employment in the yard the three men made their futile dash for liberty.

The sounding of the jail break signal on the fire alarm which brought every guard to his post. Nevertheless, the fleeing trio by dodging around buildings, managed to reach the banks of the Piscataqua river and jump into a skiff. Guards followed fast and the fugitives had gotten only a few hundred feet into the stream when the pursuers, their demands for surrender disregarded, opened fire.

Spurling almost immediately fell in to the bottom of the boat with a bullet lodged over his heart.

A moment later McGarvey fell shot in the breast and another bullet went through one of Montgomery's arms.

Beautiful embroidery for 10c at Gaylord's.

The ads will show you whether or not there's a chance today to buy that piece of furniture at your price.

A girl may mean to be ever so polite, but she just can't help looking at the name on a box of candy. Be sure it is the right name—NUNNALLY'S. In polite circles it is recognized as the candy that is always acceptable—and always good.

Nunnally's

A fresh supply always kept by J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
"None Like Nunnally's."

GLAVIS MAKING INQUIRY LIVELY

(Continued from Page 1.)
"I told Mr. Ballinger I was under orders to investigate the claims held by these men. He said he wished I wouldn't act on them until after the election. I told him I wouldn't and I did not. I was in the midst of a conspiracy case in Oregon and I could not have given any attention to the other matter if I wanted to. And then it was a favor to Mr. Ballinger as well."

Glavis said he next saw Judge Ballinger in Seattle in February, 1909, after it had been announced that Mr. Ballinger had been selected as Secretary of the Interior in President Taft's cabinet. They discussed the coal cases and Mr. Ballinger said he thought that where there had been only a technical violation of the law, the patents ought to be issued. Glavis said he agreed with him.

Glavis said he was ordered May 2nd, 1908, to discontinue the Alaska inquiry and take up the Oregon cases where he had recommended that if something were not done at once the statute of limitations soon would prove a bar.

"But I also said the Alaska investigation should not be dropped at that time," added Glavis.

In June, 1908, I prepared a report on this subject to Commissioner Dennett, but learning that he was to be in Oregon soon I did not send it. When he came to Oregon we talked the matter over discussing the entire situation. Dennett said he did not think there would be any criminal prosecution; that he thought it was sufficient if the claims could be cancelled.

Representative James: "What criminal offense had the claimants committed?"
Conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Representative James: "And that involved perjury?"
"Yes."

Representative James: "But Dennett took the view that if they were kept out of the land that was sufficient?"
"Yes."

MRS. CHRISTY IS LOSER.

Failed to Obtain Possession of Her Daughter.—T. Decision.

Zanesville, O., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy's initial efforts to obtain legal possession of her daughter, Natalie, through habeas corpus proceedings have failed. After a hearing which abounded in evidence of many obvious proceedings on the part of the child's parents, Probate Judge H. C. Smith this afternoon committed her to the care of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christy, at Duncan Falls, near here.

In making his decision Judge Smith expressed his belief that in spite of testimony introduced as to the artist's past life, he believed him to have reformed and to be a fit companion for the child. Christy now lives at the Duncan Falls home, whither he went, it was testified, after the hearing to escape further pitfalls in New York.

The decision with reference to Mrs. Christy expresses the court's opinion that evidence tending to show that she had been guilty of improper conduct had not been denied or explained by herself or witnesses, and that no evidence had been introduced to show that her alleged intemperance has not continued down to the present time.

It was decided that she may see the child, subject to her good behavior at reasonable times. Her counsel upon the reading of the decision, announced that he would appeal the case to the court of common pleas and bond was fixed at \$300.

Mrs. Christy was not in court. Her husband was on hand before court opened. As soon as the verdict was read he scurried across the street where Natalie was waiting in a lawyer's office.

"Here we are, little girl," he cried and caught her in his arms. The two left the building together, hand in hand.

"I'm perfectly satisfied with the decision," said Christy later. "Mrs. Christy will be welcome to see Natalie whenever she desires and her visits will be made as pleasant as possible."

New York, Jan. 28.—"It does not make any difference what that Zanesville judge decides," said Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy, upon hearing of the court decision at Zanesville, Ohio, giving her little daughter Natalie to her husband's parents, "I am a Southern woman and a fighter and I shall have my little girl. Furthermore, I shall begin proceedings for an absolute divorce at once."

"I won't have such an insignificant creature as Howard Chandler Christy attached to me. I have refused to talk for publication all along, but now I am going to have my say."

DRAG NET THROWN OUT.

Citizens Brought to Court Ad Testificandum at Winston.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 28.—A sensation was sprung in the recorders court yesterday morning when seven or eight citizens were present to testify under capias ad testificandum relative to the sale of whiskey.

The men were summoned under authority conferred by the State law as set down in Section 3721 of the Code providing that where a magistrate or other officer has reason to believe that certain persons have knowledge as to where liquor is being unlawfully sold they may issue capias and have such persons testify under oath relative to such matters.

The men were asked to tell all they knew about the sale of whiskey since the prohibition law went into effect. As a result of the dragging, M. P. Mathis, one of the proprietors of the Acme Drug Company (colored) was arrested, and Jim Hill, a clerk in the store, was also arrested. Mathis put up a \$500 cash bond and Hill gave a justified bond in the sum of \$400 for his appearance before the recorder. Other warrants will probably follow.

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CONGRESS AND SENATE

Suggestions as to Appropriations—Agricultural Bill Debate.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Suggesting the creation of a committee on budget to determine at the beginning of each session of Congress the limit of appropriations by each committee of the House in view of the prospective revenues of the government, Representative Douglas, of Ohio, today insisted that only by such a method could expenditures for preparations for war be kept down in the interest of larger advances for the advancement of agriculture. In appropriating 71 per cent. of the revenues for warlike purposes and only 2 per cent. for agriculture, Mr. Douglas declared Congress was not acting for the best interests of the people.

Chairman Tawney of the Committee on Appropriations expressed sympathy with the purpose sought, which, he said, would be accomplished if all appropriation bills were considered by a single committee.

General debate on the agricultural bill was concluded. On a point of order the House eliminated a provision authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and destroy animals suffering from pluro-pneumonia.

The Senate spent more than two hours in a fruitless academic discussion of the tariff with special consideration of its effect on the present high prices of food products. The debate was precipitated by a set speech by Senator Lodge contending that the rates of duty have no effect on food prices.

Senator Bacon responded taking the opposite view. The controversy was participated in by Senator Bailey, of Texas, and others.

Senator Gallinger indicated opposition to the speedy disposition of the postal savings bank bill and Senator Bailey announced that he would oppose it every time it came up.

The Gore resolution providing for an inquiry into the cost of the transportation of second-class mail matter was referred to the Committee on Postoffice and Postroads.

THE TARIFF SITUATION.

Countries to Receive Minimum Rates Named—The German Tariff.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The tariff officers of the government today recommended to the President through the Secretary of State that proclamations be issued by him declaring the following named countries as not being subject to the minimum rates of duty imposed by the Payne Adrich Act: Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Egypt, and Persia.

It is expected therefore that the proclamation recommended will be issued by the President tomorrow or Monday.

The State Department officials having the matter in charge, including the officers of the board of foreign trade relations, and the newly created tariff board, have been working over time in their efforts to adjust the tariff differences between the United States and certain European countries, and especially with Germany and France.

The statement was officially made today that good progress has been made in settling the tariff issues with Germany. The live cattle and meat inspection portions of the German law and regulations have been tentatively adjusted, the United States yielding to live cattle and Germany waiving her microscopic meat inspection regulation. There is a proviso, however, that the question of the importation into Germany of American live cattle be deferred and later on taken up diplomatically or through a commission.

There are still a number of important points to be settled and so far as the United States may yield for the present in the matter of live cattle, such action will be contingent upon a satisfactory settlement of the remaining points under discussion.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL.

Favorably Reported to the Senate Yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Postal Savings Bank bill was favorably reported to the Senate today from the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Postroads practically in the form submitted by the subcommittee.

In reporting the measure, Senator Carter said that on next Monday he would ask to have it made the "unfinished business," and that he then would press its consideration as energetically as possible.

This statement had the effect of an electric shock on Senator Gauger, who gave notice that he would insist that the bill should be considered in an orderly and deliberate manner.

An acrimonious discussion between the two Senators followed.

Senator Bailey said that during the last session he objected to the consideration of the bill and he added that he would object again when the bill came up.

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DESIRABLE HOME for sale. No. 414 Chesnut street, eight room house in perfect condition with all modern improvements. Lot 47 feet front on Market street. Opportunity for nice home in good location. I can arrange part of the money for you. Price very reasonable. If interested, see me at once, H. F. Wilder. Ja 29 11

AGENTS—If you want to make money, sell portraits of all our presidents 16x20. One for 25 cents silver, J. E. Ross, Littleton, N. C. Ja 29 11

YOUNG COUPLE wish board in private family. Address "P. N. Y." care Star office. Ja 29 11

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